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Duenas wins $10K at Club 200

Ben C. Duenas, third from right, poses with his $10,000 check with American Red Cross staff and executive director John Hirsh, middle, on Oct. 15, 2016, at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan.

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With just a single ticket, Lady Luck smiled on Ben C. Duenas, who went home $10,000 richer on Oct. 15 after winning the grand prize of the American Red Cross NMI Chapter's signature fundraising event, Club 200.

Holding ticket number 1374, he made his way up to the stage just before the event came to a close to claim his unexpected win. "I still don't believe that I won this thing. Thank God."

When asked how he plans to use the money, Duenas said, "[Part of my winning] is going to my wife who is on medical referral off-island. So a part of the money will go to her expenses and the rest will go to my family."

Duenas, 59, is currently self-employed. He has four kids, all of them

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Torres in Nevada for meetings

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres left the CNMI last Saturday to attend several meetings that would have an impact in the lives of the people of the Commonwealth. He would attend the Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Advisory Committee meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The AAPI consists of representatives from the five U.S. territories: American Samoa, the CNMI, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Torres and Guam

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Tuna canneries in A. Samoa to halt production

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PAGO PAGO, American Samoa (AP)—One of the two tuna canning companies operating in American Samoa announced Thursday it plans to suspend production in December.

In a statement, Bellevue, Washington-based Trimarine says it will end production indefinitely at its Samoa Tuna Processors cannery plant.

Tri Marine told its 800 employees of the plan Thursday. The company didn't specify how many will be affected.

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It's a bad month for tuna employees working in American Samoa with the double whammy announcements of suspensions of operation by both Starkist and Trimarine-owned Samoa Tuna Processors.

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Lt. Col. Gay, PSS enter settlement deal

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» Judge dismisses Gay's discrimination lawsuit

The Public School System has entered into a confidential settlement agreement in the discrimination lawsuit filed by Lt. Col. Robert L. Gay against PSS for allegedly harassing him in order to replace him as director of Army Instruction of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

With the settlement deal, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona on Thursday dismissed Gay's lawsuit with prejudice.

Dismissal with prejudice means Gay could no longer re-open the case.

Manglona said the court retains jurisdiction over the case in order to enforce the provisions of the settlement agreement.

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Man struggles with cops over possession of machete

A man allegedly struggled with two police officers for a machete that used during a fight with his wife in front of their children at their residence in San Vicente early Wednesday morning.

Patrick Cody Camacho Lizama, 27, was subdued and arrested on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, obstructing justice, false arrest, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at $15,000 cash; preliminary hearing is on Oct. 14 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel for Lizama. Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government.

Police detective John Anthony Hofschneider stated in his report that five police officers were dispatched to Lizama's residence on Wednesday at 1:52am after the victim's mother called about a domestic violence.

Hofschneider said investigation showed that Lizama got mad when his wife questioned him about his drinking problem. He allegedly broke their daughter's crib and slammed the bedroom's door repeatedly.

When she tried to call her mother, Lizama allegedly threatened to beat up anyone she was calling. Lizama allegedly pushed the victim thrice, preventing her from leaving the house.

When police officers arrived, the victim, who was holding their youngest daughter in her arm, ran into the bedroom. Before she was able to lock the door, Lizama slammed the door, breaking it off.

The officers began to talk to Lizama, but he told the police he would put down the machete only if they leave the area.

Two officers then struggled with Lizama for possession of the machete. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Opening doors to investment opportunities

Last week's visit of investment executives from Sichuan Agriculture Development and Investment Co., Ltd. reaffirmed what experts have said of the islands' potential for economic opportunities.

Primarily engaged in agriculture investment, tourism projects and high-end resort and hotel development projects, Sichuan Agriculture Development and Investment Co., Ltd. was on a four-day exploratory visit. They met with several government officials who assisted them in their interest in investing in modern agriculture/farm on Saipan.

The visit of the investors was upon the invitation of the Hong Kong-based investment company Imperial Pacific Holdings International. ***(PR)***

Sichuan Agriculture Development & Investment Co. CEO and chair Jing Dengyang poses with his team after their meeting with CNMI Department of Commerce's Maggie Camacho. They were also joined by Best Sunshine International, Ltd. marketing manager Donghua Yao.

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The visiting investment executives led by CEO and chair Jing Dengyan met with Department of Public Lands officials led by Secretary Marianne C. Teregeyo.

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Tourism Topics

A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority

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Rota Style

To increase awareness of Rota as a top leisure destination for nature and islands lovers and FIT travelers, the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) recently ran the on-line campaign Rota Style in Taiwan.

The MVA developed the social media campaign to introduce Rota's tourism resources and attracted over 350,000 visits to the MVA's Taiwan Facebook page from Aug. 23-Sept. 30, 2016. The campaign was also featured in television, in Sharp newspaper, yahoo.com, CTV Online News, United Daily Online News, and NowNews, also generating 2,330 re-posts on Facebook.

The promotion was held on cooperation with Asiana Airlines and Rota Resort & Country Club, offering family room hotel vouchers to each qualified Facebook fan page owners with over 1,000 fans who re-posted the campaign poster.

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Seven days of time served for using 'ice' again

The federal court on Thursday revoked the supervised release of probationer Daniel M. Quitugua for using the illegal drug methamphetamine or "ice" and sentenced him to seven days of time served.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona placed Quitugua on supervised release for three months.

Manglona required Quitugua to perform 50 hours of community service; not enter any gambling establishments, or engage in any gambling at all; not possess a firearm; and pay restitution of $13,999.57.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe, counsel for the U.S. government, moved to revoke Quitugua's supervised release and sentence him to 30 days in prison with credit for time served.

Backe said the U.S. government had no objection to Quitugua participating in the Drug Offender Re-entry Program.

Michael Dotts, counsel for Quitugua, stated that his client admitted at the last hearing to the U.S. Probation's allegations that he used "ice" on July 5 and Oct. 2, 2016.

Dotts agreed with the U.S. Probation's recommendation for home confinement. He recommended a sentence of seven days of time served and to participate in the DORE Program.

Quitugua was convicted in federal court in 2005 for conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act robbery, and using and carrying a firearm during a crime of violence. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

TCF's 5th Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony

The Compassionate Friends of Saipan will be holding their annual remembrance program to honor children, grandchildren and siblings gone too soon. The event will be held as part of The Compassionate Friends' 20th Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Service. Tens of thousands of bereaved family members, and friends, around the globe will join together to light remembrance candles to honor the memories of children who have died, but will never be forgotten.

On Saipan, the event will be held Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016, 6:45pm at the Garapan Central Park (in front of Gold's Gym). Candles will be lit at 7pm local time, as we commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon.

Each family group or attendee will have the opportunity to light and hold their own candle in remembrance. There will be a slideshow presentation, music, and readings of loved one's names.

If you would like your child's or sibling's photo included in the slide show, e-mail one or two photos to nelsonkrum@msn.com before Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016 (or call one of the numbers below if you need help scanning a photo). If your photo was included in a previous slide show, e-mail us to confirm that you want it to be included this year.

Attendees are also welcome to bring a framed photo or small memento of their loved one for a display. Please bring your loved one's favorite dessert (finger food) to be shared, along with memories, after the program.

Those unable to attend may participate by simply lighting a candle at home alone, or with friends and family and/or submit a memorial post about a loved one in the Remembrance Book that will be available during the event, at TCF's national website at http://www.compassionatefriends.org/home.aspx.

Contact tcfsaipan@gmail.com or Donna Krum (783-1900 or donnakrum@gmail.com) for further information. ***(PR)***

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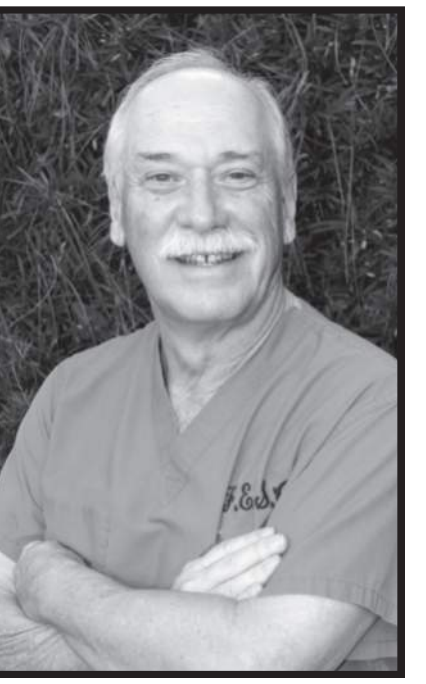

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Michael Jackson found not guilty

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A Superior Court jury rendered a unanimous not guilty verdict late Friday afternoon in the retrial of Michael Anthony Jackson, a 38-year-old man accused of kidnapping and raping a then-15-year-old girl in 2010 on Saipan.

After deliberating for less than two hours, the jury comprising five women and one man reached the verdict finding Jackson not guilty of the charges of kidnapping and sexual assault in the first degree.

Jackson was calm when court staff read the verdict at 6:05pm.

The alleged victim testified on Thursday afternoon and resumed her testimony Friday morning.

Attorney Charles Reyes Jr. served as the 8th court-appointed counsel for Jackson. It was Reyes' first trial.

In an interview, Reyes said he respects the Office of the Attorney General. He said the prosecutors did a good job and are skilled attorneys. Reyes said he also appreciate Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho's handling of the court.

"He is very knowledgeable. He has great knowledge and I enjoy practicing before him," Reyes said.

Assistant attorneys general Betsy Weintraub and Shannon Foley, who represented the government in this case, refused to comment.

Camacho presided over the retrial of Jackson that began on Tuesday.

In the government's closing arguments, Foley asked the jurors to look at the car which is the most compelling evidence in this case.

Foley said the victim and other witnesses consistently described the car as a Honda Civic having a distinctive headlight marking and a star sticker.

Foley said it is the distinctive car that Jackson used in kidnapping the girl, and the scene where he sexually assaulted her on the early morning of Oct. 9, 2010.

Foley said the victim's cousin remembers Jackson, the driver of the car with a star sticker who went straight in the direction of the victim, who was then walking on her way home.

Foley said another witness saw Jackson's car and when the victim crossed the street before a bus stop.

Foley said the only person to tell of what happened after the bus stop was the victim.

Foley said Ferdinand Martin, a security guard at Skyway Café and Poker in Dandan, testified that he saw the victim crying and going straight to their restroom on the early morning of Oct. 9, 2010.

Foley said that, according to the guard, the victim stayed in the restroom for five to 10 minutes.

Foley said a police officer, who was among those who responded and investigated the case, looked for Jackson and saw the defendant sleeping in his car that marked the descriptions of the subject vehicle.

Foley said the doctor's report on the victim's examination showed injuries consistent with laceration and penetration. Foley said the medical record shows the girl was forced into the car. The prosecutor said the victim testified that she didn't want to get in that car.

Foley said the victim testified that she ran from the Saipan airport field toward Skyway Café and Poker in Dandan and hid in the bathroom.

Foley said if all the evidence is pieced together, there is a whole picture of what happened to the victim after the bus stop.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

ERRATUM

In last weeks story, "NMI biz alliance to tap lobby group," it was written that Bob Jones was the Northern Marianas Business Alliance's chair where in fact it was Alex Sablan who will head the group. Jones is just a board member with Gloria Cavanagh as secretary-treasurer, and SCC president Velma Palacios and Society for Human Resources Management-NMI Chapter head Josephine Mesta as representatives.

TUNA

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es shelf-stable and frozen tuna products distributed in the United States by The Tuna Store. Starkist Samoa, the largest employer in American Samoa, is owned by Korean company Dongwon.

StarKist Samoa announced they will shut down operations during the week starting Oct. 10, while Trimarine stated it will suspend canning operations on Dec. 11.

StarKist spokesperson Michelle Faist said fewer deliveries of fish were now being made to American Samoa as a result of the closure of the high seas, US EEZs, and other traditional fishing grounds to the U.S. fishing fleets.

However, other industry insiders pointed out, Dongwon, owners of the Starkist plant in Samoa, have a number of boats fishing successfully in the waters near American Samoa—but they choose not to supply their own plant in Pago Pago.

Dongwon has bounced back and bounced high this year with its operating profit expected to exceed KRW 100 billion after its second-quarter operating profit surged 206 per cent on year to KRW 45.2 billion (USD 40.4 million). Operating income on sales was up 60 per cent on year and so were tuna prices (up around 30% more than this time last year).

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American Samoa does not have labor unions, and most employees are paid minimum wage. The company said economic difficulties spurred the decision.

"The challenging economics of canning tuna in American Samoa combined with external factors facing STP make Trimarine's private-label focused business model for operating the plant economically unsustainable," the company said in a statement. The company is considering alternatives for the plant, including an outright sale. The company pumped $70 million into the plant before it opened in January 2015.

"This is an incredibly difficult decision and one we make with a great deal of reluctance," said Trimarine chief executive officer Renato Curto in a statement. "Our hearts go out to STP's employees, suppliers, service providers and everyone else who depends on STP's operations."

In 2014, Trimarine s cannery plant was expected to employ some 1,500 workers at their seaside plant in the village of Atu'u. American Samoa's economy is dependent on the tuna cannery industry.

"We are $70 million confident of our investment in the cannery project," Curto said in 2014.

"Ultimately, our decision to invest came down to our belief that tuna is a good, nutritious product, that tuna stocks can be sustainably managed for the long-term and that processing in the islands is the right thing to do," he said.

Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga met Wednesday with Trimarine chief operation officer Joe Hamby, who informed the governor that the "global unfavorable economic environment for the fishing industry and changing dynamics of its business prompted the decision to stop its current financial hemorrhaging," according to a statement from the governor's office.

When the plant opened, outgoing chamber of commerce chairman Lewis Wolman said that besides the large workforce, the cannery would have direct impacts like buying products from local vendors and supporting the shipping industry. But it would also have significant indirect impacts, such as the purchases made by workers from their paychecks.

In addition to the cannery, Trimarine 's Samoa Tuna Processor Inc., was able to receive fish directly from the fishing boats.

"Though we are suspending canning operations, Trimarine will continue to operate STP as a logistics hub for the Trimarine Group. Unfortunately, this will mean a much reduced labor force," Curto said Thursday.

"Due to a complex series of factors, including a long history of poorly thought out and misguided government policies, we find ourselves at a crossroads," American Samoa delegate to the U.S. House of Representative Aumua Amata Radewagen said in a statement Thursday.

"It was my top priority during my first term in Congress to begin reversing those policies, and I will continue that mission in the hopes that the island's remaining cannery can prosper," she said.

Curto said the company has invested well over $200 million in American Samoa between its fleet and facilities.

SunKist also operates a tuna cannery in American Samoa, but the plant has been temporarily out of operation for the past week because of a lack of fish. ***(with PNA)***

TORRES

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Gov. Eddie Calvo are co-chairs for Pacific Islanders.

The advisory committee was formed during the Republican National Convention that nominated Donald Trump and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as the GOP's ticket in their bid to retake the White House.

The AAPI committee was among those included and unanimously adopted on the GOP's platform in the RNC held at the Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio.

Torres said the committee's formation represents the Trump-Pence ticket's commitment to AAPI communities. "The committee will help provide recommendations on how best to ensure AAPI voices are heard and included in the campaign."

"[Trump and Pence] will meet with members of the committee and AAPI leaders to discuss growing concerns over educational opportunities, employment and the economy, which are of paramount concern to AAPI families across this nation," added Torres

Torres will also meet with Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval and casino officials to discuss some issues with the gaming industry. Casino gaming is new on Saipan with Best Sunshine International, Ltd., which holds the lone casino license, building the Grand Mariana Casino Hotel and Resort that is expected to open its first phase in February.

"To discuss with the casino gaming members about our casino industry here. What it [casino gaming] has brought to Las Vegas and the potential of this industry [on Saipan]. We would like to discuss this kind of investment and see how it would correlate with our island," added Torres.

GAY

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Each party will bear its own attorneys' fees and costs.

The parties, through their counsels, agreed to the dismissal of the case.

Attorney Colin M. Thompson is counsel for Gay. Attorneys Tiberius Mocanu and Adam Hardwicke are counsel for PSS.

The parties informed the court on Thursday that Gay agrees to dismiss all his claims against PSS and 10 unnamed co-defendants.

The dismissal is to be construed as broadly as possible—to encompass every claim and defense that was asserted and could have been asserted by the parties.

The stipulation is based on the confidential settlement agreement between Gay and PSS, which settled all claims and defenses in this case.

Gay, through Thompson, sued PSS for harassment based on race and retaliation.

Gay asked the court to order PSS to pay him an appropriate amount of back pay with prejudgment interest plus an appropriate amount of front pay.

Gay asked the court to hold PSS liable for his medical expenses incurred as a result of the hostile work environment, plus compensatory and punitive damages.

According to Thompson in the complaint, Gay served as the director of Army Instruction of JROTC for PSS from February 2007 through February 2012.

Gay returned to the CNMI and again served as DAI in October 2012 until January 2016.

Thompson said the director of JROTC United States Army Cadet Command confirms all DAIs.

A DAI must successfully serve for two years as a Senior Army Instructor before the USACC will consider a candidate for a DAI position.

DUENAS

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in the U.S. mainland. To his and everyone in his family's surprise, he managed to win the $10,000 check with only having to purchase one ticket.

The Club 200 event started on 6pm and ended on 10pm at Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan. Master of ceremonies was Jay Sanchez and DJ was hosted by 9PM DJ. There was also a best costume contest, which ultimately had about 10 winners. This year's Club 200 had a superhero theme and partygoers were encouraged to attend in the costume of their favorite superhero.

John Hirsh, executive director of American Red Cross NMI Chapter, said, "Tonight, there's probably 1,200 people who came to support us, but we also had a lot of sales at the doors. There were a lot of sales that came in late afternoon and haven't been put into our system yet so we have to just wait and see."

Hirsh explained how 27 years ago, one of the founding board members, Juan Guerrero, came up and put this concept of 200, it eventually being a huge success with the community.

Two women were also acknowledged for their active volunteer work with ARC: Roselle Ichihara Carreon and Cerina Hwang-Youth.

Sharing her thoughts on receiving her own volunteering recognition plaque for 2016, Carreon said, "This is a real shock. I mean I really do believe in the American Red Cross organization and, when I was a little girl, my mom would take me and my little brothers and sisters to do the walkathon. Now I'm 34 years old and I still believe and participate in this wonderful organization."

Other winners from the night are 0476, insurance and business management corporation, for two round-trip economy class tickets on Delta Air Lines to any U.S. destination with $350, $2,500 cash for ticket number 1120, Jovita Flores, and $3,000 shopping spree to any Joeten group of companies for ticket number 0214, Rowina Wesley.

IN ORDER TO FINALLY RECEIVE NAMES AFTER 32 YEARS

KCNM/KZMI is giving away cash, other prizes

After 32 years, KCNM 1080AM, the longest surviving radio station in the CNMI, along with its sister station on the FM channel, 103.9 KZMI-FM, will finally receive names by the end of the month.

Most of us have known the stations as 103.9 and 1080 for many years and not realized that these are not actual station names. They are, in fact, call IDs provided by the Federal Communications Commission, similar to the letter and numbers on a vehicle license plate.

For the most part, the two stations have maintained their genre throughout the years, although more on the FM side than AM. KCNM-AM 1080 began as a country music station, which provided several Chamorro and Carolinian hours per day. It wasn't until in early 2002 that the AM station changed into a 24-hour news broadcasting station. Meanwhile, 103.9FM has maintained its identity and core genre since it was launched in early 1987, playing R&B, classic music, and adult contemporary.

However, according to Bob Webb, general manager for the two radio stations and radio personality Bobby Bogart, "In recent years, although we still receive song requests for music from the aforementioned genres, more and more requests for hot contemporary music have been making our request lists."

Webb "wants to assure our long time listeners that the stations are theirs. However, we have also gained new audiences, as our older listeners stay with us, many whose children have also joined our large family of listeners, and we want to let them know that these are also their stations. So the whole reason for the new identity is to properly represent all generational cultures in the CNMI."

Acknowledging that the stations belong to the listeners, the power to name the stations are being given to the CNMI public.

As of last Friday, Oct. 14, KZMI launched their "Name Our Station" promotions on social media and on the air. The promotion will run until Thursday, Oct. 20 at 11:59pm. On Friday the winners will be announced on the on the air at 103.9 FM, and on the stations' Facebook page.

On Friday, Oct. 21, KCNM will launch their "Name Our Station" promotion.

All CNMI residents ages 13 years and above qualify to participate in both promotions through votes, likes and shares on social media, and participate in the on air challenges and competition for cash and other prizes.

Other prizes include a laptop from Saipan Computer Services and mobile phones from IT&E.

The KCNM/KZMI team encourages the public to participate and be part of the making of the two stations' exciting new look, feel, and sound.

Here's a brief look at how you can enter for a chance to win: like the post and you receive a chance to win cash, share the post and you get a chance to win cash, participate in the poll and you not only get a chance to win cash, you also get a chance to win a laptop from Saipan Computer Services or a chance to win a mobile phone from IT&E.

The five lucky winners will be selected randomly using a random name selection app.

How to win, rules and regulations, and other information can be found on 103.9KZMI-FM's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/kzmi1039fm or by emailing kzmi-fm@pti-com.com. ***(PR)***

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- Maintain various ledgers, registers, journals and other records required in fiscal operations;
- Furnishes budgetary data to higher-level accountants for budget analysis;
- Prepares financial statements and reports for review by supervisor and operating personnel;
- Maintains records necessary for the determination and reporting of federal expenditures and fund balances;
- Takes trial balances and makes adjusting and closing entries;
- Verifies and analyses financial data and prepares financial statements and reports;
- Participates in the collection, compilation, classifications and evaluation of fiscal data;
- Maintains budgetary accounts and financial records for an office;
- Maintains control accounts so that the status of funds may be determined;
- Post entries to these accounts from supporting documents;
- Post and balances journals and ledgers and reconciles accounts;
- Coordinates work of the clerical staff in an office;
- Assists in preparing budget estimates by gathering pertinent information from various book of accounts;
- Assigns and reviews the work of others for accuracy and completeness;
- Explains departmental procedures to other employees and the public; and
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent and should have a combination equivalent to graduation from college or university with a BA major in accounting or related field, a minimum of two (2) years experience in accounting work. Successful candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI. Applicants given a conditional offer of employment with the CNMI Judiciary will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for the illegal use of drugs prior to employment.

COMPENSATION AND TENURE: This position is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge. The salary range will be $17,000.00 - $20,000.00 annually.

INTERESTED PERSONS may obtain application forms at the OPM offices in the CNMI, at the Judiciary Administrative Office at the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices on Tinian and Rota. Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

Human Resources
Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice
P.O. Box 502165
Saipan, MP 96950
Tel. (670)236-9818
Fax. (670) 236-9702
michelle.guerrero@justice.gov.mp

This internal job announcement will remain open until filled. Also, this job announcement can be seen and a printable copy of the application downloaded at http://www.justice.gov.mp.

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Kanoa Resort

Saipan

Invites qualified US workers to apply for this vacant position:

A/C Refrigeration Mechanic/Technician (1)
Qualifications: Require post-secondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges that offer programs in air-conditioning and refrigeration and/or associate's degree. Completion of an apprenticeship program or three (3) years of experience as an A/C refrigeration technician. Must be able to read electrical wiring and control diagrams. Must be able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Cook (12)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with three (3) years work experience preferably in a hotel. Basic culinary skills and good hygiene knowledge is essential. Excellent stamina, ability to stand for long periods and can lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Steward (10)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Over 6 months progressive experience in stewarding capacities. Able to perform assigned duties with great attention to detail, pace, correctness and good manners. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Ability to prioritize and arrange work assignment is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Housekeeper (7)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. One (1) year work experience preferably in a hotel preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must have attention to detail working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Public Area Attendant (5)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. One (1) year work experience preferably in a hotel preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Keep building in clean and orderly condition. Perform heavy cleaning duties, such as cleaning floors, shampooing rugs, washing walls and glass, and removing rubbish. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must have attention to detail working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr@kanoaresort.com. Application forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our resort. To be considered, applicants must be submitted not later than October 17, 2016. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Chamber to host Saipan candidates' forum

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will host a candidate forum for the senatorial, municipal council, and House of Representatives races on Tuesday, Oct. 25, Thursday, Oct. 27, and Friday, Oct. 28, 2016, at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

These forums are conducted in the effort to educate voters further on the issues of our islands by having the chance to hear differing opinions and solutions, and for those who wish to hear the various platforms of each candidate.

All candidates have been invited to speak. On Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016, invited are Senate candidates: Sixto Kaipat Igisomar and Ray Naraja Yumul. We have also invited House of Representatives Precinct 1 candidates: Joseph Pinaula Deleon Guerrero, Angel Aldan Demapan, Joseph "LeePan" Tenorio Guerrero, Janel Ulloa Maratita, Gregorio Muna Jr. Sablan, Antonio Pangelinan Sablan, Roman Cepeda Benavente, Anthony Indalecio Duenas, Joseph Arriola Flores, Edwin Kenneth Propst, and Ana Sablan Teregeyo.

On Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016, we have invited municipal council candidates: Luis John Castro and Diego Litulumar Kaipat to speak. We have also invited House of Representatives Precinct 3 candidates: Donald Cabrera Barcinas, Ivan Alfonso Blanco, Francisco Santos Delacruz, Jose Ilo Itibus, Blas Johnathan Tenorio Attao, Anthony Tenorio Benavente, Vicente Castro Camacho, Heinz Sablan Hofschneider, Ramon Angailen Tebuteb, Stanley Tudela Torres, Edmund J. Sablan Villagomez, and Ralph Naraja Yumul.

On Friday, Oct. 28, 2016, we have invited House of Representative Precinct 2 candidates: Rafael Sablan Demapan, John Paul Palacios Sablan, and Vicente Aldan Ichihara. We have also invited Precinct 4 candidates: George Norita Camacho, Alice Santos Igitol, Aaron Jay Murdock, Joseph Kani Ruak, and Vinson Edward Flores Sablan. We extended our invitation to Precinct 5 candidates as well: Antonio Reyes Agulto, Francisco Concepcion Aguon, James Anthony Duenas Cabrera, Antonio Muna Camacho, and Lorenzo Iglecias Deleon Guerrero.

Each candidate will be given time to answer questions submitted in advance by the general public. Time limits will be enforced fairly and equally. No questions from the audience will be allowed at the event. Questions for these candidate forums may be submitted by email to the Chamber executive director, Jill Arenovski, at executive@saipanchamber.com. All questions will be sent to a third party for confidential review.

Space is limited to the first 100 people. Tickets are available in advance at the Chamber office on the third floor of the Marianas Business Center for $10/per night. Tickets will be not be sold at the door on the day of the event. Attendees should arrive before the event begins as the doors will close promptly at 6pm. In respect to our candidates, no one will be allowed to enter the forum after doors close until intermission.

Attendees are not allowed to carry banners, hold signs or otherwise distract the speakers. Audience members may not display any promotional materials supporting any candidate, including but not limited to buttons, hats, t-shirts, etc. Other rules and procedures will be explained by the moderator at the start of the event.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization with over 160 members to date. The SCC was founded in 1959 and incorporated in 1976. It is the largest private business organization in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Chamber works to promote and protect the business, economic, and civic interest, and general health and welfare of our islands. If you would like more information about our event or our organization, call our office at (670) 234-7150 or email administrator@saipanchamber.com. ***(SCC)***

DPH Dental Clinic suspends walk-in visits

This is to inform the public that as of Sept. 26, 2016, the Public Health Dental Clinic is suspending all emergency and walk-in dental visits until after the week of Oct. 17, 2016. For further information, you can contact the Public Health Dental Clinic Office at 236-8369 or 8744. ***(PR)***

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
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EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

THE CNMI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY ISSUES THE FOLLOWING

MORATORIUM NOTICE
on

N.M.I. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 80 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, SUB-CHAPTER 80-20.1 EMPLOYMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS § 80-20.1-210 (C) (3) Exemptions from Workforce Participation § 80-20.1-215 (b) Particular Construction Project. Exemptions issued prior to this notice remains in effect until their expiration date.

This moratorium notice shall be in effect until such time that the CNMI Secretary of Labor publishes a new notice on this matter.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0183**
MOSES D. WILLIAMS,	**AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
Deceased.	

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE MOSES D. WILLIAMS OR HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Emilia T. Williams** has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the Estate of Moses D. Williams, the deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is **Charity R. Hodson, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 502607, Saipan, MP 96950.**

The Hearing on the Petition by Emilia T. Williams as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on November 17, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at the hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having claims against the deceased or his Estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of his publication or the claim(s) will be baited. A copy of your claim should also be sent to **CHARITY R. HUDSON, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.**

Dated this 30th day of September, 2016.

/s/ Clerk of Court
Deputy Clerk of Court

1ST CNMI BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

Promoting & Embracing Health and Wellness Throughout our Lifespan

When: Monday, October 24, 2016 - Thursday, October 27, 2016
Where: World Resort, Taga Ballroom
Time: 8:00am to 4:00pm

Please join us at this conference, bringing stakeholders together to build positive relationships to help grow and enhance the Behavioral Health services we provide to the CNMI community.

Your presence, along with your passion and energy is appreciated.

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Only 50 seats available to the general public.
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R.S.V.P.

Please contact Henry Cabrera or Maria Camacho
Tel: 323-6560/61 or email at behavioralhealthconference@gmail.com

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This message is brought to you by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration with the CHCC: Community Guidance Center.

The Marianas Tourism Education Council awards prizes to students of Saipan Southern High School on Nov. 11, 2016, during their educational outreach on tourism. Pictured from left are MTEC board member Catherine Perry, Marianas Visitors Authority community projects assistant Jennalyd Babauta, Hopwood Jr. High students, and MTEC chair Vicky Benavente. MVA

MTEC re-elects Benavente as chair

The MTEC (Marianas Tourism Education Council) elected officers for the new school year at its monthly membership meeting on Sept. 29, 2016, re-electing Vicky Benavente as chairwoman for a fifth term. Kanoa Resort GM Wendi Herring was elected anew as vice chair, while Marianas Visitors Authority community projects manager Martin Duenas will continue as secretary and Ernst & Young manager Shamika Ratwatte as treasurer, respectively.

The remainder of the MTEC board is composed of Christopher A. Concepcion (MVA), Jonas Barcinas and Naomi Nishimura (CNMI Public School System), Larry Lee (MTEC), James Nelson (Sorenson Media Broadcasting), Gordon Marciano (PDI), and Catherine Perry (Integrity Communications).

In addition, the board announced the annual MTEC Tourism Summit will be held on Jan. 26, 2017. The summit gathers representatives of school MY WAVE (Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically) clubs for a day and features industry speakers, planning, and educational presentations.

"Each year, the MY WAVE Clubs are given an opportunity to be learn more about their islands' tourism and hospitality industry," said Benavente. "Our goal is to increase awareness on the students' potential for developing their skills and knowledge. These students are the future leaders of the CNMI."

MTEC has also begun its annual school educational outreach on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, presenting the message "Tourism is Everybody's Business" to 10th graders at Saipan Southern High School on Oct. 4, 2016, and to 8th graders at Hopwood Jr. High on Oct. 12, 2016.

"In this industry, smile! Treat each day as if it was your birthday," said Marciano in addressing both groups about the importance of hospitality. "We share and remind all of our MY WAVE student ambassadors to carry on that positive message, share it with family, friends and neighbors, and treat others how you would like to be treated. Be patient with our *tourista*. This is our only industry, and one wrong negative move can impact our destination through social networking and other forms of media, so keep that smile going and keep the *Hafa Adai Tirow* spirit alive!"

MTEC is slated to visit public high schools this month, middle schools in November, and elementary schools in the spring. Last year MTEC visited 17 schools on Saipan, Tinian and Rota in partnership with the Marianas Visitors Authority.

Schools interested in having an MTEC presentation may contact MVA Community projects specialist Ryan Calvo at rcalvo@mymarianas.com or MVA community projects assistant Jennalyd Babauta at jbabauta@mymarianas.com or (670) 664-3210 to schedule a date. ***(MTEC)***

Virtual reality filmed on Saipan

A 360º virtual reality show featuring the Northern Mariana Islands' stunning natural scenery was filmed on Sept. 23-26, 2016, with Korean fitness model Lee Yun.

The VR video, filmed on a tour organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority will be distributed via KT Olleh TV Mobile, an IPTV mobile application operated by KT, Korea's largest telecomm company, which has more than 4,000,000 users.

"Virtual reality is an excellent medium for showcasing the breathtaking natural beauty of the Northern Marianas, and we're looking forward to enticing viewers to experience the real thing for themselves," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "The MVA will receive all VR video content and it will be uploaded to our social media, such as Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube for online viral. We expect a lot of attention from it, as VR content is a sweeping new type of video technology, a beautiful model will appear as a cast, and it will have exciting activities and exotic scenes of Saipan shown in the content."

Korean fitness model Yun Lee poses for a 360-degree virtual reality video filmed at Micro Beach on Saipan on Sept. 24, 2016. MVA

To capture exciting moments via 360º video camera, the film crew visited Managaha, Banzai Cliff, Micro Beach, and Mt. Tapochau and also experienced activities such as skydiving, aquabiking, parasailing, scuba diving, and taking a sunset cruise. Lee performed several fitness motions during the shooting with stunning views of Saipan in the background. The MVA will also operate a VR zone at the Mode Tour Travel Show in Seoul on Oct. 13–16, 2016, where visitors will also be able to experience the 360º VR content of Saipan. ***(MVA)***

INVITATION FOR BID

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

MVA-IFB-16-2347: ACQUISITION OF RIDING MOWER FOR MVA TINIAN
MVA-IFB-16-2348: ACQUISITION OF RIDING MOWER FOR MVA ROTA

Closing Date: **October 17, 2016** Time: **10:00 a.m.**

Submit sealed proposals to: Marianas Visitors Authority
P.O. Box 500861 CK
Saipan, MP 96950

Interested parties may pick up the scope of work at the **Marianas Visitors Authority** office between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except holidays or by visiting the **MVA** website at www.mymarianas.com.

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce
MVA Chair, Board of Directors

/s/ Christopher Concepcion
Managing Director

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-001

Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for the Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS (OEM's) from which CUC intends to select one proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's power supply requirements.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 18, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-001 – Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 9, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 20, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org and Venugopal Prabhakara, Power Generation APCM/PM via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Guam-CNMI ATISA Fiber Optic Cable System project. The ATISA Fiber Optic Cable System will be linking the main islands of the CNMI with Guam, United States and Asia while offering CNMI residents with competitive rates on services and features. Docomo Pacific, Inc. proposes to lay a fiber optic cable on three main islands in the CNMI-Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. On Rota, the cable is proposed to land at the "CUC Sewer Outfall Corridor" in Songsong. On Tinian, the cable is proposed to land at Tachognya Beach in San Jose either at the southern or northern end of the beach. On Saipan, the cable is proposed to land at Abraham Place Road in Chalan Kanoa.

The public hearing is scheduled for November 02, 2016, at 5:00PM at the BECQ main conference room in Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mail to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project file is open for review and comment during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M, Monday thru Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed project.

Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Grand Mariana Casino and Hotel project.

/s/ Frances A. Castro
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

Jerry Delos Santos/Aguida Delos Santos
P.O. Box 503342, Saipan, MP 96950
Telephone: (670) 234-2967/788-3439 (cell)

Pro se

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re The Matter Of the Petition To Appoint General Guardianship For:	]	FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0484
J.J.T.DLS (DOB 12/31/2009) Minor Child	]	**NOTICE OF HEARING**
By:	]	
Jerry M. and Aguida M. Delos Santos Petitioners	]	

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on 27th day of October, 2016, at 10:30a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 13th day of October, 2016.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

Dela Cruz is recipient of 2016 Bridge of Light Award

The Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence recently named Elaine Cabrera Dela Cruz as the recipient of the 2016 Bridge of Light Award at the Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation signing ceremony hosted at Saipan World Resort.

The annual Bridge of Light Award is presented by NMCADSV to honor the accomplishments and sacrifices of one extraordinary individual who has worked diligently to provide safety for the community, to work to end domestic violence and sexual assault, and to be a "bridge of light" for victims and survivors in the CNMI.

This year's BOLA recipient, Dela Cruz, is currently a counselor at Karidat Social Services, which is a nonprofit organization that serves victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. She is also a facilitator for the Division of Youth Service's Parent Education Program and currently working to become a certified substance abuse counselor.

In addition, Dela Cruz has worked as a counselor at the Community Guidance Center's Victims of Crime Advocacy program and the CNMI Public School System, where she also taught at the Head Start program and the first grade.

According to Dela Cruz's nominator, who is a survivor of domestic violence, Dela Cruz was instrumental in helping them through the difficult process of separating from their abuser, achieving safety, and working toward healing.

The survivor wrote that they were nominating Dela Cruz "because of all the hope, truth and encouragement that she showed not just in my life but also in the lives of fellow victims and survivors."

"Congratulations to Elaine for being this year's BOLA recipient," said Eulalia V. Arriola, NMCADSV board chair. "Thank you for your hard work, compassion, and dedication to help others."

"Hearing stories like this from survivors makes us feel honored to be able to give back to someone who has made a difference in our community and the movement to end violence," said Arriola. "We're also very grateful to the Tan Siu Lin Foundation and Delta Air Lines for their continued support and generosity in sponsoring the Bridge of Light Award self-care treatment package."

This year's BOLA included a number of prizes from the Tan Siu Lin Foundation and a travel voucher from Delta Air Lines to attend either a self-care retreat, or a training/conference on domestic violence or sexual assault.

Elaine Cabrera Dela Cruz, front row center, poses for a group photo with family members after the recent Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation signing ceremony where she was named the recipient of the 2016 Bridge of Light Award.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

After being named the recipient of the 2016 Bridge of Light Award, Dela Cruz took time to thank other first responders. "I'm also grateful that I work with superheroes and these superheroes are the women and the men that we serve who find the courage to seek help."

"And when we provide help we create hope and with hope we start to create the path to the bridge of light for them," said Dela Cruz.

October is also federally and locally recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For more information, contact the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence at 234-3878 or email info@endviolencenmi.org. ***(PR)***

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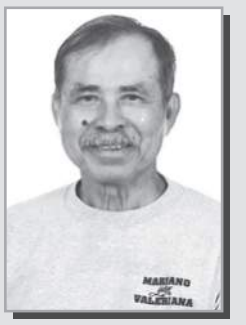

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Candidate

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-002

CONSULTANCY SERVICES, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SIX ENGINE SYSTEMS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for the oversight and management of Supply and Installation of Six (6) Engine Systems, 8-10 MW/Each, at CUC Saipan Power Plant 1, Saipan, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from suitably qualified entities from which CUC intends to select one consultant to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's consultancy and construction management requirements.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 19, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-002 – Consultancy Services, Supply and Installation of Six Engine Systems"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 10, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business

license in compliance with the Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 21, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org and Venugopal Prabhakara, Power Generation APCM/PM via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-003

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO UPDATE CUC'S RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CUC'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for professional services to update the CUC Rules and Regulations and CUC's Policies and Procedures Manual.

The solicitation seeks responses from qualified entities from which CUC intends to select one consultant to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's consultancy requirements.

The scope of work and solicitation package will be emailed upon request, by the CUC Procurement and Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement and Supply Division.

A pre-proposal conference will be conducted at the CUC Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building on **October 20, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. (ChST).** Immediately after the conference, proposers shall familiarize themselves with the current CUC Rules and Regulations and the CUC Policies and Procedures Manual prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC RFP-17-003 – Professional Services to Update CUC's Rules and Regulations and CUC's Policies and Procedures Manual"* to the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, P. O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST).** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competitive offerors.

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Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 24, 2016,** to Manuel B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address at manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant, via email address at marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

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Aleppo's agony

Secretary of State John Kerry is set to arrive in Lausanne, Switzerland, Saturday to try once more to forge a cease fire in Syria's five-year civil war that will allow humanitarian aid to reach hundreds of thousands of civilians trapped by the fighting in Aleppo and other cities. Given past failures to achieve a pause in the carnage, the prospects for success this time appear remote at best. Nevertheless the U.S. must at least try to avert an ongoing humanitarian catastrophe, if only to protest the criminal violence being inflicted on innocent civilians by Syrian President Bashar Assad and his Russian and Iranian allies.

The desperate situation in Aleppo, the country's second-largest city, has become emblematic of the Assad regime's brutality toward its own citizens. Some 250,000 civilians in the rebel-held eastern part of the city have been cut off for months without access to food, fuel, fresh water, medicines or electricity. Syrian government and Russian military aircraft have systematically targeted schools and hospitals in defiance of international law, reducing much of the historic city to rubble. Kerry and French President Francois Hollande have both suggested the savagery might be grounds for the International Criminal Court to open an investigation into possible war crimes by the Syrian government and its Russian and Iranian enablers.

After the collapse of last month's U.S.- and Russian-brokered cease fire less than a week after it went into effect, Kerry is pinning his hopes this time on the combined efforts of diplomats from Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Russia and the U.S. Kerry believes that the multilateral pressure from all the countries that have the greatest stake in the conflict might at least make possible an agreement to reimpose a cease fire in Aleppo that eventually could create the conditions for a political resolution of the broader Syrian conflict.

The first task would be ensuring that U.N. aid convoys are permitted to cross Syrian government lines to reach the city's beleaguered civilians in the eastern part of the city. Last month the Assad regime backed down on its pledge to issue the transit papers that would have allowed aid to flow into the rebel held areas. As a result long lines of trucks were left stalled on the roads waiting for permission. Then aircraft from Russia or the Syrian government (the nationality of the planes remains in dispute) attacked the convoys, completely destroying their cargoes and killing dozens of aid workers and others in the area.

Meanwhile, Iran has remained a steadfast supporter of Assad, providing him with weapons, advisers and fighters from Hezbollah, the Lebanese militia, and Shiite militiamen from Iraq. The overriding goal of Tehran and Moscow appears to be to help the Assad government retake all of Aleppo just as the Obama administration prepares to leave office in order to put themselves in the strongest possible position at any future peace talks convened by the next U.S. president.

Whatever happens at Saturday's talks in Lausanne, the U.S. strategic interest in Syria remains the destruction of the Islamic State in order to prevent its spread to other

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Surprising arthritis remedy

By RUSS MASON
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Russ Mason, M.S., wrote for a medical journal, "Alternative & Complementary Therapies," for eight years. He interviewed dozens of doctors who had much to share about unconventional treatment options. These included Tibetan medicine, Chinese medicine, botanicals, and treating stroke victims with hyperbaric oxygen.

More than a year ago I ran into a fellow named Rod Stewart at Pacific QuickPrint. As usual, we gabbed about health matters as we stood among the mailboxes.

Rod said that the trace mineral boron was helpful to anyone with arthritis or joint pain. I got some soon after but only took it intermittently. Didn't really need to, I felt.

Then about a month ago my shoulders started aching. I took some extra calcium, vitamin K2, and sat in the sun for an hour in order to get my vitamin D levels up. The annoying ache in my shoulders remained.

Then, a few days ago, I remembered what Rod had said and took some boron. Almost immediately my shoulders felt better.

Intrigued, I decided to research the connection between boron and joint pain.

What follows is quoted from: http://cheflynda.com/2015/03/the-inexpensive-arthritis-osteoporosis-cure/:

Boron is a mineral that is an activator. It helps to activate or cause many other functions to happen within the body. Boron is one of the main minerals used in the bone building process. Boron initiates estrogen by helping convert vitamin D into an active state. The estrogen then improves absorption of calcium. Boron also helps metabolism to take place within the bone. With this metabolism properly functioning, osteoporosis is not a major factor to a person's health. Once osteoporosis sets in, Boron can play a major role in helping the body to replace lost calcium.

Boron also assists in preventing arthritis and tooth decay. Boron is one of the minerals necessary for building and repairing joint cartilage. Boron is essential in maintaining the correct levels of calcium, magnesium and phosphorus in the body. Boron helps to regulate hormones, especially estrogen and testosterone. Boron also helps maintain brain function and memory capabilities.

Boron is essential for all life in plants as well as animals. Boron is also essential for the integrity and function of cell walls and the way signals are transmitted across cellular membranes.

When ingested it reacts with hydrochloric acid in the stomach to form boric acid, ingested boron compounds are rapidly and nearly completely excreted with the urine.

Boron deficiency symptoms

Some symptoms of boron deficiency are arthritis, brittle bones, carpal tunnel syndrome, degenerative joint disease, hormonal imbalance, loss of libido, memory loss, muscle pain, osteoporosis, receding gum, and weak joint cartilage. Boron deficiency causes greatly increased amounts of calcium and magnesium to be lost with the urine.

Boron deficiency causes the parathyroid to become stressed, which causes the glands to release too much parathyroid hormone. Excess parathyroid hormones raise the blood level of calcium by releasing calcium from the bones, joints and teeth into the bloodstream. This then leads to osteoarthritis and other forms of arthritis, such as rheumatoid arthritis, juvenile arthritis, spondylitis, gout, lupus, osteoporosis, pyorrhea, and tooth decay.

With advancing age high blood levels of calcium lead to calcification of soft tissues causing muscle contractions and stiffness; calcification of the eyes, endocrine glands, especially the pineal gland and the ovaries. Arteriosclerosis, kidney stones, and calcification of the kidneys ultimately lead to kidney failure. When the intracellular calcium levels get too high, the cells will die.

Bone analysis has shown that arthritic joints and nearby bones have only half the boron content of healthy joints. Equally, synovial fluid, which lubricates joints and provides nutrients to the cartilage, is boron-deficient in arthritic joints.

Arthritis in its various forms and its close relative osteoporosis affect a very large percentage of the population in developed countries. Osteoporosis is responsible for more long-term hospital care than any other individual disease. This is due to the very high incidence of fractures, and especially the protracted nature of hip fractures.

Health effects of boron

A boron supplement will reduce the daily loss of calcium by nearly 50 percent. As this calcium is withdrawn mainly from your bones and teeth, Boron deficiency may be the most important factor in causing arthritis, osteoporosis and tooth decay today.

Boron affects the metabolism of steroid hormones, and especially the sex hormones. Supplementing with Boron increases low testosterone levels in men and estrogen levels in menopausal women.

Boron also has an important role in converting vitamin D to its active form, thus increasing the calcium uptake and deposition into the bones and teeth rather than causing soft

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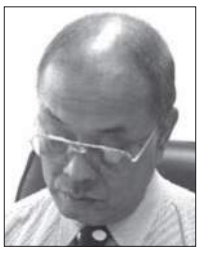
It's report card time!



By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands. All views expressed by the author are his/her own and do not necessarily reflect the opinion and stance of the* Saipan Tribune.

Voters expect report cards from current legislators seeking re-election and the credentials (background) of newcomers. This should be made available for review. Voters should review each credential before heading to the polls this November.

It's only fair that we know that you do or don't know what the job entails. Are you aware that it's about policymaking? The usual accolade that comes with the office isn't part of the equation as yet. Let's buckle down to basics first.

Before you list your accomplishments—if there's any—take a moment and listen intently to the voice of the people you represent. Are they are satisfied or unsatisfied with your performance? If you hear a confirmation of sorts in their dissatisfaction then you know your career may be headed into the sunset.

If there's any single most important issue you all missed, what is it? Obviously, you must have been walking around with the aura of a "know it all" on issues that matter. In the process, you failed to improve the livelihood of your people. With this in mind, is there a legitimate reason for your re-election?

If you're a newcomer, show us credentials or your professional background demonstrating your strong suit to engage in policymaking. In other words, what's your academic and professional experience that qualifies you to do serious work in the formulation of public policy? Or is the term familiar or foreign to you? A simple explanation with substance would be helpful.

I've worked with the best minds in the Pacific region, ever so grateful for the rare opportunity to engage their intellectual wherewithal. So don't think you'd do a walk in the park when I meet and seek answers from your nimble mind. I'd demand for your best shot!

Sizing up people for responsible positions came with the territory as a journalist. I've done it actively for over 40 years. I could tell if you can see beyond the years. If you're second-guessing, it's best you park it, pal! Avoid the hypocrisy!

When meeting candidates, ask them for their understanding of serious issues. In fact, ask them for an explanation. This is where you begin to see whether the thinking process moves on or disappears in garbled explanation. If it's the latter, then you know the guy is second-guessing answers trying to sound like a marshland intellectual.

The work of leadership is heavy duty from A-Z. And if I may reiterate, thus the need for visionaries with clarity of understanding how to approach issues that matter so the end result benefits our people. If I may now digress into less heavy issues.

Too late Army!

No supplies: The hospital lacks critical supplies, but there's thousands of dollars in taxpayers' money to take the entire Cabinet to Rota twice for R&R. Admirable your mindfulness guarding the coffers. Have you looked into why even a doctor refuses to be treated at CHC? He wanted to be sent immediately to a hospital in Honolulu! Whatever happened to the "solutions driven" cabal? A bit too late army!

Walang pera: I'm not blaming CEO Esther Muna for the problems she has to endure given the lack of fiscal resources to fix the growing mess at CHC. No wonder Raffy, Biktot and legislators go off island to Manila's St. Luke and Asian Hospital when something's seriously wrong. I see that you prefer skipping town just so you leave the destitute to deal with rationed healthcare because you've failed us? Did someone say "solutions driven?"

Hardship: You look at family income NMI-wide and it's easy to see that nearly every household has to accept forced abject poverty. The culture of communal sharing has lifted the heavy load a bit, though they look hopelessly to the hill to hear what the "solutions driven" team has to offer. Nothing! And you have the gall to waste our taxes?

No jobs: Returning scholars can't find meaningful jobs at home. So they quickly head to jet ways and return to Guam, Hawaii and the U.S. mainland where opportunities and room for professional growth abound. Isn't it the elected elite's job to ensure that our kids find employment at home? Is the "solutions driven" team anywhere near the building?

Improvement? We hear occasional hand claps about improvement in the local economy. Yet there's a 13 percent unemployment rate here or over 3,000 folks who are jobless. It isn't rocket science stuff either but interesting how they try to fool the public with piles of lies. Eh, one plus one is two, get that pal?

Corruption: This year seems unique in the sense that we had to fork out fiscal corruption on Rota. It includes the $400,000 for the MV *Luta*, the alleged embezzlement and the rumored misappropriation of some $250,000 by CPA some two years ago.

The eggheads, some of whom are former lawmakers, have demonstrated superb reading deficiency and grand mañana convinced jungle rules allow ill disposition of public funds. Obviously, they've never reviewed the laws of the land on appropriation or the Open Government Act or both. And we leave disposition of our lives at their feet?

When eggheads engage in corruption, the net result is simple: it turns the livelihood of the people in the villages into instant hardship and unbearable anxiety. This elite culture behavior is bad all around. You're supposed to empower or grant your people economic prosperity that lifts all boats. Obviously, you're only looking out for number one—yourself!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks judge and legalization can help!

I want to thank Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona for her statements about "ice" and how bad it is and the seriousness of this social destroyer. She is so right about those who start young and how they are "influenced" by the older generation. I do believe the drug court can be a great help, especially to those kids who have the predisposition for aggressive at-risk behavior. Just the thought of having to face a judge will work for some of them, but not all. There will always be that special group of youth who grew up under irresponsible parents or guardians who may even be "ice" users. These youth will be challenged to try almost anything (tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and ice) and they may even be challenged to sell marijuana or ice due to their impoverished status.

It should be noted that alcohol use is considered much more of a gateway vice to ice than marijuana. There is also the fact that many people resort to ice use and trafficking because of poverty as ice is more lucrative than marijuana so there is more than one single factor leading to the use of ice. But the saddest factor of all is the four million in ice that was seized—well, guess who was going to buy all that four million in ice, yes, the poorest and most desperate people in the CNMI would have purchased and used most of it—not the rich. The poorest and most worse off are the ones suffering the most from ice which is all the more reason why this is so serious as the leading factor is the direct correlation between poverty and ice use and sales. Even the wealthy that do get hooked don't stay wealthy long, so it's really the poorest and worst off.

But I don't think it is fair to place so much blame of ice use on marijuana as common sense even dictates that we can't fight ice by blaming marijuana, especially when marijuana can actually be an antidote to ending an ice addiction. I personally know and have seen people who were hooked on cocaine, which is really an expensive and more euphoric form of the ice high, and they used smoking marijuana to avoid using cocaine and kicking their addiction. The sooner we legalize marijuana, the sooner we will be able to do more education on marijuana, which will also do more in helping our society fight ice that has reached epidemic proportions.

Education is a critical factor for a complete transforming of social behavior because criminalization does not and cannot totally change social behavior and can only serve as a deterrent. We have the death penalty in many states but people still commit crimes that actually require a person being put to death—so if the thought of death doesn't eradicate certain unwarranted social behavior. To solely depend upon criminalization and the drug court to eradicate the use of ice defies reality because ice is already against the law but the epidemic is still growing instead of decreasing. Education has and always will be our best deterrent and countermeasure to blowing up and eradicating unwarranted social behavior. Thanks to education, society outlawed the advertisement of cigarette smoking and started education programs to stop our youth from smoking. Today our youth are now telling the old folks to stop smoking all because of education, which is the reverse of how it used to be when grown folks like the Marlboro Man would entice people to smoke.

The real solution to ending our ice epidemic isn't single-fold but multifaceted and intricate with education and the inclusion of everyone who is not an ice user. If it takes an entire village to raise a child, then it will take all of us and even some help from the feds and foreign countries to stop or kill this social destroyer. I know a lot of people are looking for DPS, the drug court and the government to perform some kind of miracle that will end the ice trafficking and use but in reality they will only affect a few within our social fabric. The winning battle must be fought on the front lines through intelligence efforts and by gaining support in the homes and hearts of the many families that are doing battle with ice on a daily basis.

I don't have the complete answer but I do have a good idea as to where we must start. We (the CNMI) must first drive the demand for ice underground so that dealers and users will be forced to live in total fear of everyone! We can only do that if the people who know about ice use will do something about it. I know there is a cultural phenomenon known as "snitching" which is not limited to blacks, the mafia and gangs but it spans the globe as the major inhibitor to empowering everyone to join the forces fighting against ice. DPS and the government must do something to make it more conducive for people to tell as no one wants to tell on their spouse, sister, brother, dad, mom, child, aunt, uncle or even their cousins when they know they will end up in jail. So I hope this will help and the powers that be can see what they are asking people to do and why it's not really working on a systemic level.

To a large degree this is simple economics of supply and demand. We must stop trying to arrest every user and the low and mid-level dealer and start "following the trail" to the real suppliers to kill the supply. Every time a user or low-level dealer is arrested it only serves as a flair warning to the top that the police are getting close, allowing them to change their routines and dealers which is why major arrest are so far and few in between. The very nature of our approach is counterproductive to finding the main source in the countries where ice is actually coming from so we may never stop it with the present approach. We also need a better working relationship with law enforcement in these foreign countries and even use some of their CIs who speak their language in the CNMI for tracking purposes only.

As for helping individuals, one person in the family alone trying to stop a family member from using ice won't work as that person will only become the enemy of the user. It will take entire families taking the initiative to gang up on their relative(s) who are using. You can't make or force a person to stop using ice even if you put them in jail if they don't want to stop using. Families should apply "collective peer pressure" and not condone, support or help that person until they decide to change their ways. Allowing them to continue and not doing something and saying something is only contributing to their ice use.

Reiterating my sincere kudos to the Judge Manglona for speaking up and I hope a judge will eventually speak up for the legalization of marijuana because it will surely make everyone's job a lot easier when it comes to fighting ice. I'm sure there will be a lot of ice ice users who will resort back to using marijuana instead of using ice and if you don't believe

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds around 10 mph. Lows around 79.	Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.	Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.	Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.
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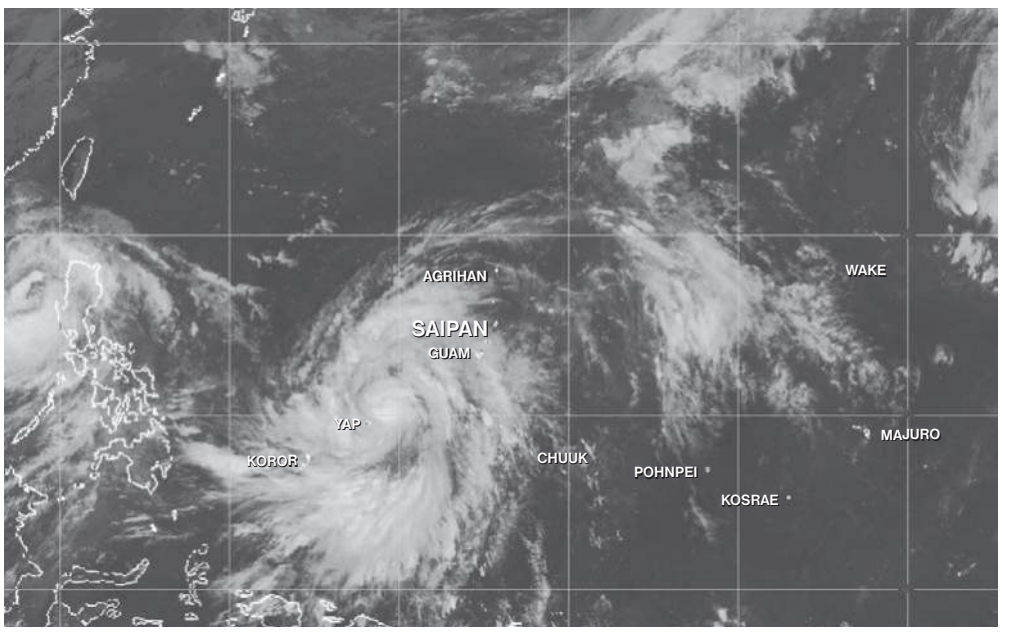

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Haima is technically a miss since it never came within 300 miles. However, it continues to be the single biggest influence on our weather. Blowoff from the outer bands will continue to keep our skies mostly cloudy. Slightly increased winds and seas could be just enough to trigger a short-lived small craft advisory for the Guam waters later today. Starting Tuesday, the Marianas are expected to fall into a drier trade-wind regime as Haima departs the area.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▼ ▲
Guam and Rota	Partly sunny	83 / 90 °F
Palau	Mostly cloudy	81 / 87 °F
Yap	Mostly cloudy	80 / 87 °F
Chuuk	Partly cloudy	80 / 88 °F
Pohnpei	Partly cloudy	77 / 88 °F
Kosrae	Partly cloudy	83 / 88 °F
Majuro	Strong thunderstorms	82 / 85 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		▼ ▲
Auckland	Morning clouds	55 / 62 °F
Beijing	Sunny	46 / 67 °F
Hong Kong	Rain	78 / 87 °F
Honolulu	Mostly sunny	73 / 82 °F
London	Partly cloudy	52 / 62 °F
Los Angeles	Overcast	58 / 73 °F
Manila	Partly sunny	80 / 89 °F
Melbourne	Morning clouds	49 / 63 °F
Miami	Partly sunny	76 / 83 °F
New York	Cloudy	62 / 78 °F
Osaka	Thunderstorms	68 / 76 °F
Paris	Mostly cloudy	53 / 64 °F
Pusan	Partly cloudy	63 / 76 °F
Rome	High level clouds	54 / 74 °F
Salem	Cloudy	50 / 56 °F
San Francisco	Morning clouds	58 / 66 °F
Seoul	Sunny	52 / 72 °F
Tokyo	Mostly cloudy	63 / 65 °F
Washington, DC	Mostly sunny	58 / 80 °F

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8:24 AM	HIGH TIDE	2.1 Feet
2:28 PM	LOW TIDE	0.54 Feet
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SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:09 AM	5:55 PM
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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

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4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Chinese wedding boutique shoots in NMI

One of the Top 10 wedding boutiques in China will feature the Northern Marianas in their marketing through the end of the year following a recent location shoot on Saipan.

Weilanhaian Studio targets newlyweds with travel, wedding, and pre-wedding products and was on Saipan on Sept. 5-9, 2016, for a photo and video shoot jointly organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority and Dynasty Holidays.

"Wedding and honeymoon photo shoot trips are popular in China, and the Northern Marianas has some of the most spectacular settings where newlyweds can commemorate their special day," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "Weilanhaian has 26 branches around the world and targets high-end customers with artistic and stylish photos, so it's excellent exposure for the Northern Marianas."

Weilanhaian will promote the Northern Marianas in their on- and offline marketing, including at wedding expos in China. Four models were brought for the shoot, which will highlight numerous scenic sites around Saipan, including the iconic Managaha.

The estimated ad exposure value of the familiarization tour is $100,000. ***(MVA)***

MVA

Twelve representatives of Weilanhaian Studio of China were on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, on Sept. 5-9, 2016, to shoot film and stills for their wedding photography products.

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tissue to calcify. Also other beneficial effects have been reported such as improvement of heart disease, vision, psoriasis, balance, memory and cognition.

A German cancer researcher, Dr. Paul-Gerhard Seeger, has shown that cancer commonly starts with the deterioration of cell membranes. Since Boron is essential for cell membranes and Boron deficiency is widespread, this may be an important cause for the initiation of tumor growth. Boron compounds have anti-tumor properties and are "potent anti-osteoporotic, anti-inflammatory, hypolipemic, anti-coagulant and anti-neoplastic agents."

It has been estimated that 55 percent of Americans over the age of 50 have osteoporosis and of these approximately 80 percent are women. Worldwide 1 in 3 women and 1 in 12 men over the age of 50 have osteoporosis, and this is responsible for millions of fractures each year. In scientific studies rats with osteoporosis were given a boron supplement for 30 days with the result that their bone quality was then comparable with that of the healthy control group.

While in good health and especially in younger years, a calcium/magnesium ratio of 2:1 is normal and beneficial. However, with increasing age, Boron deficiency and resulting disease conditions, we require less calcium but more magnesium.

For boron to be fully effective in reversing tissue calcification ample magnesium is required. For older individuals 400 to 600 mg of magnesium together with the daily boron supplementation spaced out during the day. However, the correct form of oral magnesium must be taken to avoid the usual laxative effect.

Sources strongly doubt whether calcium supplements are needed or even beneficial, even in case of osteoporosis. Tests show that most individuals have plenty of calcium (stored in their soft tissues where it does not belong), and supplementing boron and magnesium redeposit this misplaced calcium directly into bones. (Vitamin K2 also does this).

Boron is most likely available at various vitamin supply outlets on the island. You may certainly find it on the Internet, at SwansonVitamins, eBay, and other Web sites

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countries in the Middle East and beyond. Kerry ought to do everything he can to help relieve the suffering of civilians in Aleppo and other besieged cities where hundreds have been killed in recent months, but he also must be clear-eyed about what we can and can't accomplish there. And we can expect little help from our hoped-for allies in Moscow and Tehran.

Can the U.S. ever forge a lasting accord with partners who have shown such duplicity and complete disregard for civilized norms of behavior? The Syrian government and Russia have demonstrated that they cannot be trusted to keep their word. Much as we want to see the prospects for a major breakthrough in Syria improve, the chances of that happening seem slim so long as the only leverage Kerry can bring to the table is America's good will.

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THANKS

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me do like I did—ask some of them and I'm sure they will tell you the same thing especially when they can buy the "concentrates" legally. I also hope that some of the leaders on the Hill will man up and speak up for legalization as every time I mention how many of them used to be smokers people always laugh and tell me how right I am.

For those who still think pot is an evil I want to share this genuine wisdom as the founders of America warned in the Federalist Papers that "we must be willing to endure certain necessary evils if our Democracy is to survive." Sometimes we must endure the lesser evil (pot) in order to champion or eradicate the greater evil (ice), a true reality in order for our social fabric to deliver a high quality of life on earth. Besides, ice is man-made and eradicable but pot can never be eradicated as its God-given and that's a fact!

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
2017-CDA-01-ITB

CLOSING DATE: Thursday, November 10, 2016 **TIME: 10:00a.m.**

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Copies of the Scope of Work may be obtained at the Commonwealth Development Authority office, 2nd Floor CDA Bldg. in San Jose, Saipan during regular working hours or by facsimile request to 235-7147.

The Provisions of the CNMI Procurement Regulations, NMIC Section 70-30.3-725 and 70-30.3-730 prohibiting gratuities, kickbacks and contingent fees shall apply with this and all other procurement solicitations.

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/s/ MANUEL A. SABLAN
Executive Director

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement and Supply

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

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ITB NO.: ITB17-DPW-003

SUBMISSION DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2016 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:	**Civil Action No. 16-0196**
LUIS SANTOS CHONG,	**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION and**
Decedent.	**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
	Date: October 20, 2016
	Time: 9:00 a.m.
	Judge: Joseph Camacho

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE LUIS SANTOS CHONG OR OF HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner, **Antonio C. Chong** of Saipan, CNMI ("Petitioner"), has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for Letter of Administration of the **Estate of Luis Santos Chong, Decedent.** The attorney for Petitioner is **Robert T. Torres, Esq., whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.**
The hearing on the Petition for Letters of Administration by **Antonio C. Chong,** as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on **October 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against the Decedent or his estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) days of this publication, or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to **ROBERT TENORIO TORRES, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.**

Dated this 27th day of September, 2016.

/s/ Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Petition for the Change of Name of:	]	FCD CN CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0495
Jake Demapan, Petitioner	]	**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on October 27, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A before Honorable Judge Kenneth Govendo.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2016.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 *et seq*), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold a special board meeting on **Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building. The following agenda will be considered and public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA*

I. Preliminary Matters
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Reading of Notice Calling Special Meeting
- D. Adoption of Agenda
- E. Correspondence

II. Public Comments**

III. Executive Session***
(Confer with the Legal Counsel regarding legal matters)

IV. Adjournment

* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda may be modified during the meeting.
** Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.
*** Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Ex-Army Reserve gets 2 years, 4 months in prison

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

The federal court handed down Thursday a sentence of two years and four months imprisonment against Jordan M. Jucutan, a former U.S. Army Reserve member who was convicted of engaging in a scheme to defraud and to obtain money by falsely claiming he referred soldiers to enlist in the Army Reserve through the Army Reserves Recruiter Assistant Program, or AR-RAP.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Senior Judge Alex R. Munson ordered that Jucutan will be placed on supervised release for three years upon release from prison.

Munson ordered Jucutan to pay $7,000 in restitution and $800 in court assessment fee. Jucutan was ordered, among other things, to perform 50 hours of community service that will be suspended as long as he is gainfully employed.

Munson said the justification of the 28-month imprisonment is that the U.S. government has requested a downward departure of the sentencing guidelines and that he agreed.

The judge said the sentence serves as deterrence to other people predisposed to commit the same crimes.

Munson granted defense attorney Pamela Brown's request to keep Jucutan at liberty with the same previous bail conditions until the U.S. Bureau of Prison has designated a facility for him. Assistant U.S. attorney Russell H. Lorfing, counsel for the U.S. government, did not object to this request.

Munson ordered Jucutan to contact the U.S. Marshal Service thrice a week to determine if there is already a designated prison facility.

After the sentence was handed down, Jucutan was tearful as he hugged his wife, parents, family members, and friends. Some family members clapped their hands and cried in jubilation after they mistakenly thought that the sentence was only four months in prison.

Munson reminded people to keep the courtroom quiet or else he will send them out. It appeared that the judge was not done as he was only referring to a sentence in one count. Munson then continued announcing the sentence.

On the issue of acceptance of responsibility, Jucutan said he accepts responsibility for what he did nine years ago.

"I'm accepting responsibility, your honor. I want to be an example to my students, friends, my colleagues, my family, especially to my kids," Jucutan said.

Jucutan said he used the personal information of the U.S. Army Reserve nominees nine years ago, thinking he did not commit any wrongdoing. Jucutan said he only realized that what he did was illegal after the trial.

Munson said he is not convinced that Jucutan accepted responsibility. The judge noted that Jucutan signed a written statement and he is an educated man, among other things.

Lorfing recommended a sentence of 28 months imprisonment or two years and four months, saying the sentencing range is 32 to 36 months imprisonment.

Lorfing said the government believes that Jucutan is a good person who made a bad mistake.

Lorfing noted that this is a very difficult case for him as Jucutan seems to be a likable person and always respectful to him.

The prosecutor said they, however, have an obligation to apply the law objectively.

Lorfing cited the number of people who showed up in court to support Jucutan.

Lorfing said he does not think that this is a crime that Jucutan would repeat.

Lorfing said while it is true that Jucutan did not sell the persons' personal information for credit card scheme, he used it for personal gain.

Lorfing said Jucutan obstructed justice as he has not accepted responsibility.

"He repeatedly made conflicting statements," he said.

Brown agreed with the recommendation of 28 months imprisonment, which according to her "is more than adequate."

"He lost everything. He lost his career," Brown said.

Brown said the case sends a strong message to the community about respect of the law.

She said the case is widely publicized and that Jucutan was the only person prosecuted despite the fact that many others appear to be involved in the scam.

Last May 26, a federal jury reached a unanimous verdict, finding Jucutan guilty of four counts of wire fraud and four counts of aggravated identity theft

The trial started last May 17.

Jucutan was a member of the Army Reserve from November 2006 until he retired in November 2014. He used to be a teacher at the Public School System.

According to the second superseding indictment, using an online portal/website, Jucutan electronically submitted the personal identifiable information for four nominees without the knowledge or consent of the nominees on Aug. 25 and 26, 2007, and on June 6, 2009, and on Oct. 28, 2007.

According to Lorfing, over the period of the charged scheme, Jucutan nominated 38 people—of which only 15 were nominated with the consent of the future soldier.

Lorfing said Jucutan was paid $17,000 in compensation after nine of his nominees signed enlistment papers and shipped to boot camp.

The four wirings charged in the indictment were done when Jucutan submitted the personal information of various nominees through the Document & Packaging Brothers Inc. (Docupak) website.

Docupak was a contractor based in Alabama tasked to administer AR-RAP.

The four aggravated identity theft charges were done when Jucutan possessed various soldiers' social security number without their permission.

AR-RAP was designed to assist the Army Reserve meet its recruiting goals by offering financial incentives to soldiers known as recruiting assistants. Lorfing said RAs were expected to personally recruit future soldiers that were within their sphere of influence such as friends, family members, classmates, and acquaintances, among others.

Jucutan worked as RA for Docupak. Like other RAs, Jucutan was paid based on the number of people he personally recruited and mentored to join the Army Reserves.

Lorfing said if the future soldier ultimately signed an enlistment contract, the RA who actually recruited that nominee would receive a $1,000 payment through direct deposit into a bank account designated by the RA in his online RA account. The RA would receive an additional $1,000 direct deposit payment if the nominee attended basic training.

The AR-RAP prohibited an RA from nominating a nominee who the RA did not personally recruit. The RA was required to obtain a nominee's personal information directly from that nominee in order to receive the financial incentive for that nominee, according to Lorfing.

According to the indictment, from Aug. 10, 2007 until Nov. 6, 2009, Jucutan devised a scheme to defraud Docupak, and to obtain money from Docupak by falsely claiming that he personally recruited certain soldiers despite knowing that such representations were false and fraudulent when made.

While volunteering at the recruitment center on Saipan, Jucutan would secretly record future soldiers' personal identifiable information such as their social security number to Docupak through his online account.

Jucutan would use this personal identifiable information to falsely claim that he was responsible for referring and recruiting these future soldiers to join the Army Reserves, when in fact he did not refer or recruit each soldier he claimed.

500 Sails is awarded $584,000 3-year ANA grant

500 Sails is the recipient of a three-year grant under the Social and Economic Development Strategies program of the Administration for Native Americans. The grant was awarded on Oct. 2 for the project period Sept. 30, 2016, to Sept. 29, 2019. The total approved budget for the first year is $205,830. The grant award total for the three-year project is $584,376.

The ANA SEDS grant is a competitive grant with about 100 to 200 applicants each year for about 14 awards. Local support of proposed projects weighs heavily in the evaluation process.

"The ability to show broad public support was key to our selection as an award recipient," said 500 Sails board president Emma Perez. "We want to thank those individuals and organizations that provided letters of support; Angel Hocog for the Commonwealth Council for the Arts and Culture; Robert Hunter for the CNMI Department of Community and Cultural Affairs; Isidoru Camacho for the Natibu Sports Association; Jerome Aldan, for the Northern Islands Mayor's Office; Antonia Tudela, Alice Igitol, and Lareina Camacho for the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council; and Malcolm Omar, for the Talaabwogh Star Association. Our application was also greatly aided by the support of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Richard Seman who encouraged our project that will provide the public with greater access to boating recreation and the fisheries. The support shown by all these individuals and organizations made the difference."

The ANA SEDS grant is a one-time development grant designed to get a program up and running. It is a result of the U.S. Congressional Native American Programs Act of 1974 that established the Administration for Native Americans with the mandate to promote the goal of economic and social self-sufficiency for American Indians, Native Hawaiians, other Native American Pacific Islanders, and Alaska natives.

The ANA grant funds 500 Sails' project titled "500 Sails – Improving Health Outcomes Through Traditional Maritime Activities" that aims to improve the health of the indigenous community by encouraging and enabling widespread participation in traditional Chamorro and Carolinian proa construction and sailing—activities that, according to 500 Sails executive director Pete Perez, can have a profound impact on the health and wellbeing of the community.

This file photo shows satawal canoes on Saipan on April 23, 2009.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"Our most devastating health problems, non-communicable diseases like diabetes, heart disease and stroke, are closely tied to modern sedentary lifestyles, high carbohydrate diets, and the far-reaching consequences of poverty. Getting the local people back into canoe houses and on and in the water will hit these problems head on. Building, launching and sailing proas will get people involved in healthy physical activities, including learning to swim. Access to traditional proas also means access to near-shore and offshore fisheries, bringing more fish into the local diet. Boat building skills will bring new employment opportunities, from boat construction and maintenance, to new culturally-relevant entrepreneurial opportunities. Local sailors with traditional Chamorro and Carolinian proas can offer genuine cultural experiences to tourists, as well as transportation between islands."

500 Sails' vision for the CNMI is a community that is not only proud of their maritime tradition, but that lives that tradition daily. "Imagine looking out to sea and seeing our proas sailing on the horizon again. Imagine active canoe houses where we gather to teach, to learn, to build and to help each other again. Imagine an abundance of fresh fish on the table and taking your own proa to neighboring islands. Our Chamorro and Carolinian ancestors lived this way. They were healthy and they thrived," said Pete Perez.

In the three-year ANA grant period, 500 Sails will open a canoe house on Saipan where local participants will be assisted by skilled "sakman leaders" in building their own ocean-going Chamorro or Carolinian proas. To keep the costs down and speed the building time, both the proa hull and outrigger will be made of fiberglass, using modern boat-building processes. Learning programs conducted at the canoe house will support and encourage safe sailing. These include boat building and maintenance, sailing, boating safety, swimming, water safety, and traditional maritime history and language.

The ANA grant follows a Northern Marianas Humanities Council grant awarded to 500 Sails in August. That grant will fund the development of a prototype 25-foot Chamorro proa using a "blueprint" of a traditional Chamorro proa drawn by an English nautical draftsman in 1742.

The 500 Sails canoe house will open in January in the former District Legislature building (known also as the 4-H building) across from Marianas High School in Susupe. Initial activities will be prototype development and instructor training. Program opening will be announced via local news media, on the 500 Sails webpage at http://www.500sails.org and on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/500SailsDolphinClubSaipan. Contact pperez@500sails.org for more information. ***(PR)***

Business

After scandal, Wells Fargo's damage becomes apparent

NEW YORK (AP)—It's going to get worse for Wells Fargo before it gets better.

In the wake of the biggest scandal in the bank's 164-year history, distrustful customers are not opening as many checking accounts or applying for credit cards, and branch visits and meetings between customers and bankers are down, too.

Wells has also been hit with several lawsuits from customers, employees and shareholders. There are calls from politicians for fraud charges against the bank. And Wells almost surely faces settlements and fines way beyond the $185 million it agreed to pay regulators when the scandal broke wide open last month.

Or, as Wells Fargo executives put it to Wall Street analysts, using what has become a remarkably common term in this age of corporate malfeasance, the bank's legal expenses are likely to be "lumpy."

Wells Fargo executives, including newly appointed CEO Tim Sloan, are having trouble quantifying what the long-term effect on the bottom line will be.

Investors expect Wells to walk away from this crisis mostly intact, but it is apparent that the bank's recovery will be long and arduous.

For now, "our immediate priority is restoring trust in Wells Fargo," Sloan said in a conference call with investors Friday.

The San Francisco-based bank is engulfed in a crisis that started in mid-September, when Wells reached a settlement over allegations that its employees opened up to 2 million bank and credit card accounts without customers' authorization in order to meet high sales goals.

Under pressure from politicians and investors, CEO John Stumpf abruptly retired on Wednesday.

On Friday, Wells reported third-quarter earnings of $5.6 billion, down from $5.8 billion a year earlier. That is not a good measure of the effects of the scandal, which didn't break until the quarter was nearly over.

But at Wells' 6,000 U.S. branches, there are signs that customers are backing away, even though the bank says it clamped down on the abuses over a year ago.

Wells reported a drop in what it calls banker and teller "interactions" in September from both a year ago and from August. Also, consumer checking account openings dropped 25 percent in September from a year earlier and 30 percent from August. Consumer applications for Wells credit cards also fell sharply in September.

Thailand's tourism likely to weather king's mourning period

BANGKOK (AP)—Concerts and colossal beach parties in Thailand have been canceled. An annual festival meant to placate the country's goddess of water with lanterns that float into the sky will not take place.

And closed for the first time in years: red-light districts in the heart of the Thai capital filled with seedy go-go bars so irrepressible they managed to stay open even through past military coups.

The death Thursday of Thailand's revered King Bhumibol Adulyadej has plunged this Southeast Asian nation into an unprecedented period of mourning like nothing it has ever seen, and it's likely to stay that way for some time.

But calm—not chaos—prevails, and the closures and cancellations are unlikely to last more than a month or have any serious long-term impact on tourism.

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha has declared a one-year mourning period and urged people to refrain from organizing entertainment events for 30 days. But he has also made clear that life must go on, and urged businesses to remain open to ensure the nation does not "lose its credibility."

More than 30 million tourists visit Thailand every year, accounting for about 10 percent of government revenue. The industry is one of the few bright spots in an economy that has slumped since the army ousted a democratically elected government in 2014.

In a statement late Friday, the Tourism Authority of Thailand confirmed that tourist attractions will remain open with the exception of Bangkok's gold-gilded Grand Palace, because it "will be the venue of the royal funeral rites."

Bhumibol's body was transported by royal procession to the palace's Temple of the Emerald Buddha, or Wat Phra Kaew, on Friday as thousands of people lined the roads. Widely seen here as a unifying figure and the father of the nation, Bhumibol served as monarch for 70 years—so long that most Thais have known no other.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Central European nations oppose Russian-German gas pipeline

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—Four Central European nations are united in opposing a pipeline that would deliver natural gas directly from Russia to Germany because it would harm Europe's ability to create an efficient energy system, Poland's president said Saturday. President Andrzej Duda described the Nord Stream 2 project, which would bypass traditional transit pipelines in Ukraine and Slovakia, as having "no economic justification," describing it as a political project implemented by Gazprom on behalf of Russia. All four presidents agreed that an efficient energy union means one that will ensure competitive energy supplies in Europe, combined with a "real diversification of sources of gas supplies," Duda said, according to a report from the Polish news agency PAP.

Sturgeon warns of possible Scottish independence referendum

LONDON (AP)—Scotland's leader has again warned that a second referendum on Scottish independence is likely if British leaders pursue a radical break with the European Union. First Minister Nicola Sturgeon closed the Scottish National Party conference in Glasgow on Saturday with a vow to take action to keep Scotland inside the EU's enormous single market even if Britain leaves. She said if the British government rejects those efforts and takes steps to hurt Scotland's economy she would "make sure" that Scots get another chance to choose a better future. The pro-independence Sturgeon had said Thursday that her government would shortly publish a bill laying the groundwork for a new independence referendum—the first step toward a new vote on whether Scotland should leave the U.K.

Nation

Analysis: Rigged election claims may leave lasting damage to US

AP

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks at a campaign rally in Bangor, Maine on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Donald Trump keeps peddling the notion the vote may be rigged. It's not clear if he does not understand the potential damage of his words—or he simply does not care.

Trump's claim—made without evidence—undercuts the essence of American democracy, the idea that U.S. elections are both free and fair, with the vanquished peacefully stepping aside for the victor. His repeated assertions are sowing suspicion among his most ardent supporters, raising the possibility that millions of people may not accept the results on Nov. 8 if Trump does not win.

The responsibilities for the New York billionaire in such a scenario are minimal. Trump holds no public office and has said he'll simply go back to his "very good way of life" if he loses.

Instead, it would be Democrat Hillary Clinton and congressional Republicans, should they win, who would be left trying to govern in a country divided not just by ideology, but also the legitimacy of the presidency.

As Trump's campaign careens from crisis to crisis, he's broadened his unfounded allegations that Clinton, her backers and the media are conspiring to steal the election. He's accused Clinton of meeting with global financial powers to "plot the destruction of U.S. sovereignty" and argued his opponent shouldn't have even been allowed to seek the White House.

"Hillary Clinton should have been prosecuted and should be in jail," Trump wrote Saturday morning on Twitter. "Instead she is running for president in what looks like a rigged election."

Crews try to keep massive northern Nevada wildfire at bay

RENO, Nev. (AP)—Firefighters in Nevada were hoping to stop a wind-driven wildfire, which has already destroyed 22 homes north of Carson City, from jumping any major roads Saturday.

The blaze between Reno and Carson City was only 5 percent contained, fire officials said.

The fire, which grew overnight to more than 5 square miles, was threatening 500 structures and had destroyed 17 outbuildings.

Residents east of Washoe Lake have been allowed to return home. Other neighborhoods have been permitted but told they might have to evacuate again during the weekend. Homes west of the lake will remain under evacuation.

Gov. Brian Sandoval declared a state of emergency Friday to free up resources. Approximately 855 personnel were working on the wildfire. Other resources that have been added in the last day include seven air tankers and 155 engines, according to the Sierra Front Interagency Fire Dispatch Center.

Rain helped moderate fire activity, but strong winds have been forecast for later in the day and into Sunday.

The so-called Little Valley fire was first reported shortly after 1:30 a.m. Friday in the mountains between Lake Tahoe and Washoe Valley about 8 miles north of Carson City. It spread rapidly thanks to winds gusting at more than 70 mph.

The cause is still under investigation.

The fire was one of three that broke out along the Sierra Nevada on Friday. A wildfire that prompted the evacuation of 500 homes on the south end of Lake Tahoe was estimated to be 80 percent contained Saturday, according to CAL Fire. That fire has burned about 210 acres and forced the closure of part of California Highway 89. The mandatory evacuation orders will remain in effect throughout the night because heavy rain and high winds were impeding hazard clean up, according to Sgt. Tasha Thompson with the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office.

Truck plunges off San Diego bridge into crowd below; 4 dead

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Four people were killed and nine were injured on Saturday after an out-of-control pickup truck plunged off the San Diego-Coronado Bridge and plowed into crowd gathered at a festival below, authorities said.

The truck driver, who was alone in the vehicle, struck a guardrail and fell 60 feet before landing on Chicano Park, California Highway Patrol Officer Jake Sanchez said. He was taken to the hospital with major injuries and will be arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence causing deaths and injuries, the officer said.

His name has not been released.

"It's horrible. It's horrific. We had innocent people down here having a good time and now they're gone," Sanchez said.

Eight people on the ground were injured. One suffered major trauma and seven others had minor to moderate injuries, said Lee Swanson, a spokesman for the city's Fire-Rescue Department.

Witnesses said the truck landed on a vendor tent set up for La Raza Run, a motorcycle ride that ends with a celebration at the park and typically draws hundreds of participants. The crash occurred in front of a stage where a rockabilly band was playing.

"I saw a truck come right off the freeway. It was going so fast it flew over the stage and landed in front of the stage on a tent, a booth that was set up," Chase Dameron told The San Diego Union-Tribune .

Asia

Late Thai king's confidant confirmed as temporary regent

BANGKOK (AP)—A 96-year-old confidant of late King Bhumibol Adulyadej has been formally confirmed as the regent to manage the throne in the place of the crown prince and heir apparent, but it wasn't clear how long the caretaker arrangement would last.

In a speech late Saturday, Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said that Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn invited him and regent Prem Tinsulanonda for an audience to discuss the situation "as his royal highness was deeply concerned for the Thai people during this time of national bereavement."

Prem heads the Privy Council, a body of advisers to the monarchy, and was the closest adviser of Bhumibol. He is also known to be close to Bhumibol's highly popular daughter Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. Vajiralongkorn, who should have ascended the throne, has asked for more time to grieve along with the nation before taking over the monarchy. The constitution dictates that the Privy Council head be the regent in such a situation.

"His Highness's only wish is to not let the people experience confusion or worry about the service of the land or even the ascension to the throne because this issue has the constitution, the royal laws and royal traditions to dictate it," Prayuth said in his message broadcast on television.

The 64-year-old crown prince implores everyone to help each other get through the grief first before thinking of his ascension to the throne, Prayuth said.

"Once merit-making and the cremation has passed ...then it should be the right time to proceed. This procedure should not impact the work plan or any steps," he said.

AP

In this May 26, 2006 file photo, Prem Tinsulanonda, then chief advisor to King Bhumibol Adulyadej greets others on his arrival at the Thailand Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bangkok.

No date has been set for the cremation, which in royal families is usually months if not years later. Officials have suggested it would be at least a year. Buddhist funeral ceremonies have already begun at the Grand Palace complex in Bangkok's historic center where Bhumibol's body is kept in an ornate hall for the royal family members to pay respects. The hall will be opened to the public on Oct. 28.

Analysts say the question of succession is important because the late king had been the unifying glue that had held Thailand's often fractious politics together, and diffused tensions during crises when the dominant military was pitted against the civil society. While the institution of monarchy is generally revered and respected in Thailand, it is more so because of Bhumibol's popularity that no other royal member commands.

"His death means that the Thai political system must find an alternative focal point around which to unite the country's factionalized population," said Tom Pepinsky, a Southeast Asia expert at Cornell University.

For ordinary Thais, succession was not particularly top on their minds for now as they were consumed by grief at the loss of a man many saw as their father and a demigod.

Tens of thousands of people are thronging at the palace complex to pay their last respects to a beloved monarch who dominated the memories of generations of Thais. Authorities have allowed people to enter the complex for a limited time, and only to sign condolence books in another hall.

The king of Bhutan is also expected to visit later Sunday.

Bhumibol's death after 70 years on the throne was a momentous event in Thailand, where the monarch has been glorified as an anchor for a fractious society that for decades has been turned on its head by frequent coups. Over the past 10 years, Thailand has suffered particularly intense political turmoil pitting arch-royalists against those seeking a redistribution of economic and political power, allied with Thaksin Shinawatra, a populist prime minister ousted in a 2006 coup.

Putin, Modi renew ties, discuss irritants in relationship

BENAULIM, India (AP)—India and Russia renewed their long-standing close ties during annual talks on Saturday, signing a slew of cooperation agreements and discussing misgivings about recent irritants in their decades-long relationship.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, meeting in the beach resort state of Goa in western India, discussed regional security issues and the threats posed by global terrorism. But they also spent considerable time on talks to stem the drift in their ties as India engages more closely with the United States.

Putin and Modi jointly unveiled an e-plaque to mark a ceremony to lay the foundation stone of the next phase of a nuclear power plant that Russia has built in the southeastern Indian state of Tamil Nadu. This would be the third and fourth phases of the Kudankulam nuclear power station, part of 12 nuclear plants that Russia is building in India. The two leaders pressed a button to remotely unveil by video link the plaque, which will be erected at the site of the nuclear plant.

The two leaders also witnessed the signing of nearly 20 agreements relating to the joint production of military hardware, space exploration, energy cooperation and the upgrading of India's aging railway network.

India and Russia have shared a close relationship that dates back to the days of the Cold War, when the United States tilted toward Pakistan, India's neighbor and archrival. India had to depend on Russia for political support as well as the supply of billions of dollars' worth of military hardware. Even today, nearly 70 percent of India's defense equipment has been procured from Russia, according to India's Defense Ministry.

But as India's economic clout has grown, it has also diversified its defense shopping, with major purchases of military hardware from the United States, Israel and France.

India is one of the world's biggest arms importers, with an economic boom that has enabled it to modernize its military. New Delhi needs everything from fighter aircraft to submarines, as part of a $100 billion modernization of its military hardware.

Typhoon leaves 2 dead, strands thousands in PH

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A powerful typhoon slammed into the northeastern Philippines on Sunday, leaving at least two people dead, knocking out power and isolating villages amid floods and toppled trees.

Typhoon Sarika, locally known as Karen, blew into Aurora province early Sunday and was barreling fast through heavily-populated agricultural provinces with sustained winds of 130 kilometers (80 miles) per hour and gusts of 220 kph (136 mph), officials said.

Mayor Nelianto Bihasa of Baler, a popular surfing town in Aurora, said howling wind ripped tin roofs off many houses and knocked down trees and electric posts, causing power outages and blocking access roads to some villages.

Coastal villagers were warned early to move to safer areas and there have been no immediate reports of casualties other than two injured residents, he said.

In eastern Catanduanes province, a man drowned after being swept by strong river currents and a farmer died after his head hit the ground in fierce wind, provincial safety officer Gerry Beo said.

Three fishermen were reported missing, he said.

A month's worth of rain poured Friday as the typhoon approached from the Pacific, swelling rivers and creeks and flooding low-lying farming villages, Beo said, adding that most towns in the island province of about 260,000 people have no electricity.

In Bataan province, 50 mountaineers were forced to descend from Mount Tarak in stormy weather, but 36 others remained stranded in the uplands, according to police and firefighters who were trying to rescue them.

Nearly 200 domestic and international flights have been canceled and thousands of passengers stranded in seaports after inter-island ferries were ordered not to venture out in rough seas.

About 20 typhoons and storms lash the Philippines each year, adding to the many burdens in a country that's also threatened by earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. The latest typhoon, Sarika, was named after a singing bird in Cambodia.

ASIAN BRIEFS

US, S. Korea say latest N. Korea missile launch fails

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's military says the latest missile launch by rival North Korea ended in a failure after the projectile exploded soon after liftoff. The South Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff says in a statement that the military believes the North unsuccessfully attempted to fire a mid-range Musudan missile. It says the failed launch was made near an airport in the North's North Pyongan province. The statement says South Korea strongly condemns the launch because it violates U.N. Security Council resolutions that bans any ballistic activities by North Korea. Earlier, the U.S. military reported the launch was attempted at 11:33 p.m. EDT Friday (12:03 p.m. Saturday local time) and that the missile didn't pose a threat to North America. The action brought harsh criticism from the U.S.

24 killed in stampede ahead of Hindu ceremony in India

LUCKNOW, India (AP)—At least 24 people were killed and 20 others injured in a stampede that occurred as they were crossing a crowded bridge to reach a Hindu religious ceremony in northern India on Saturday, police said. The stampede took place on the outskirts of Varanasi, a city in Uttar Pradesh state known for its temples. Organizers were expecting 3,000 devotees at the ceremony, but more than 70,000 thronged the ashram of a local Hindu leader on the banks of the Ganges River, said police officer S.K. Bhagat. "We were not prepared for such a large crowd," Raj Bahadur, a spokesman for the organizers, told The Associated Press. The stampede happened as police started turning back people from the overcrowded bridge, the Press Trust of India news agency cited Bahadur as saying. That triggered a rumor among the devotees that the bridge had collapsed, and they started running for safety, he said.

World

UN chief in Haiti gets glimpse of Matthew's destruction

AP
U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, right, speaks with women whose homes were destroyed by Hurricane Matthew, in a school where they have sought shelter in Les Cayes, Haiti, Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon visited victims of devastating Hurricane Matthew on Saturday, saying the destruction wrought by the storm was "heartbreaking," and he renewed a pledge to help the nation cope with a deadly scourge of cholera that was introduced by U.N. peacekeepers.

Ban's brief visit came as victims of the storm continued to express frustration - sometimes violently—at delays in aid about a week-and-a-half since Matthew hit southwest Haiti with 145 mph (235 kph) winds, killing at least 546 people and demolishing or damaging tens of thousands of homes.

"I met so many displaced persons, young people, women who were pregnant and sick people. It was heartbreaking," he said, describing his tour of an emergency shelter in the town of Les Cayes packed with families whose homes were destroyed.

Shortly before Ban's helicopter was due to land in Les Cayes, a clash broke out between rock-throwing residents and peacekeepers at a U.N. base there. Roughly 100 frustrated residents began hurling rocks when trucks ferrying food aid arrived. Haitian police officers and U.N. peacekeepers scattered the group with tear gas. Calm was restored as Ban's helicopter approached.

In recent days, Associated Press reporters have observed a number of skirmishes between Haitians in hard-hit areas seeking emergency aid distributed by international and local organizations.

At the close of his roughly 4 Ω hour stop in Haiti, Ban told reporters at Port-au-Prince's airport that a cholera-focused trust fund announced in recent weeks was part of the U.N.'s "new approach" to helping Haitian families who lost loved ones since the waterborne disease was introduced here in October 2010 - an outbreak that has been aggravated by the hurricane.

The U.N. said the fund is designed to help Haiti overcome cholera and build stronger water, sanitation and health systems.

There's long been ample evidence that cholera was introduced to the nation's biggest river by inadequately treated sewage from a U.N. peacekeeping base about 10 months after Haiti's devastating earthquake.

But the U.N. only acknowledged in August, following a leaked internal report, that it played a role in introducing cholera to Haiti and vowed to aid victims in the impoverished Caribbean nation, which has experienced the worst outbreak of the disease in recent history. U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said that that "the United Nations has a moral responsibility to the victims."

U.N. officials at one point said they were seeking about $181 million for the special fund, but Ban mentioned no figures Saturday as he vowed to help the families of victims and "most of all prevent and stop this cholera epidemic" by mobilizing more U.N. resources. He expressed disappointment, however, that international funding to fight cholera in Haiti and rebuild after Matthew is so far falling far short.

"I know that the world economic situation is not favorable, and I know that there is some donor fatigue by certain countries," he told reporters at the close of his brief visit.

Beatrice Lindstrom, a human rights lawyer with the nonprofit Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti, said before the visit that activists were hopeful that Ban would "fully acknowledge the U.N.'s responsibility for introducing cholera to Haiti."

US admiral says missiles fired again at US ship near Yemen

WASHINGTON (AP)—Multiple missiles were fired again from a Houthi-controlled region in Yemen targeting an American warship in the Red Sea, a U.S. admiral said Saturday. No hits were reported.

Later, U.S. officials said the initial reports as described by Adm. John Richardson, the top Navy officer, were being reassessed, and they declined to provide full details of what happened.

If confirmed, the missile launches would be the third attack in about a week targeting the destroyer USS Mason and other U.S. ships.

"The Mason once again appears to have come under attack in the Red Sea, again from coastal defense cruise missiles fired from the coast of Yemen," Richardson, the chief of naval operations, told reporters Saturday in Baltimore.

Just two days earlier, a U.S. warship fired Tomahawk missiles into Yemen to destroy three radar sites that Pentagon leaders believed played a role in the earlier attacks.

A senior U.S. defense official said the Mason was in international waters when multiple incoming surface-to-surface missiles were reported by the ship's crew to have been detected about 3:30 p.m. EDT. The Mason was not struck and no crew members were hurt.

A U.S. official said that additional radars could have been used in Saturday's reported attack.

The officials were not authorized to discuss the incident publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Amid Syria's violence, diplomats produce ideas but no truce

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP)—The United States, Russia and seven other would-be Syria mediators ended a 4Ω-hour meeting Saturday without agreement or concrete steps to match what America's top diplomat described as the urgent crisis in the city of Aleppo. Instead, the envoys said only that new ideas were proposed and more discussions planned.

The lackluster result from the gathering in Switzerland highlighted the world's inability to find a peaceful path out of a conflict that has killed as many as a half-million people, contributed to Europe's worst refugee crisis since World War II and created a vast space of instability that the Islamic State group has exploited.

With the Syrian and Russian governments pressing an offensive against rebel-held parts of Aleppo, no one predicted a breakthrough. Yet after last month's collapse of a cease-fire and even U.S. charges of Russian war crimes, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry's portrayal of the result as "exactly what we wanted" sounded unconvincing.

"Nobody wants to do this in a sloppy way," Kerry said of his new diplomatic effort, no longer between just Washington and Moscow but designed to include all the major international players in Syria's civil war. Saturday's talks included top envoys from Saudi Arabia, Iran, Turkey, Qatar, Iraq, Egypt and Jordan.

Kerry said the discussion was driven by the "urgency of Aleppo, the urgency of trying to find something that works other than military action." Ministers offered suggestions that "really might be able to shape some different approaches," he said, without going into detail.

No official news conference or joint statement followed the meeting. Kerry said contacts, but not necessarily a meeting, would start anew next week.

Days of deadly airstrikes in Aleppo prompted Kerry last month to end bilateral U.S.-Russian engagement on Syria, including discussions over a proposed military alliance against IS and al-Qaida-linked militants in Syria. Last week he accused Russia of war crimes for targeting hospitals and civilian infrastructure in Syria.

Nevertheless, Kerry reunited with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov at the lakeside Beau-Rivage Palace in Lausanne, speaking with the Russian for almost 40 minutes before the larger gathering. For all the talk in Washington about a possible Plan B, U.S. hopes for diplomatic progress appeared to rest squarely on Russia's cooperation.

IS suicide bomber strikes Baghdad funeral tent, killing 35

BAGHDAD (AP)—A suicide bomber struck a funeral gathering in Baghdad on Saturday, killing at least 35 people and wounding more than 60, Iraqi police and hospital officials said.

The attack in the Shaab neighborhood occurred around lunchtime, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility in a statement carried by its Aamaq news agency.

Hussein Khazem, the owner of a nearby clothing warehouse, said the bomber detonated his payload inside a funeral tent, causing a big explosion.

He saw a large number of killed and wounded people, many burning cars and major damage to the local market. The dead included elderly people, children, and some women. He said he closed his shop to help evacuate the wounded and remove the bodies.

"The security situation is not good at all," he said. "These big incidents are happening again, especially in the poorer residential neighborhoods."

Iraq has seen several bombings in recent months, though most have had lower death tolls than Saturday's attack. In July, a massive car bomb in central Baghdad's popular shopping district of Karradah killed about 300 people and forced the resignation of the interior minister.

The U.S. State Department condemned Saturday's "barbaric" attack, calling it yet another sign of the IS group's "cowardice and contempt for human life and their attempt to sow sectarian discord among the people of Iraq."

Saturday's attack comes as Iraqi security forces are preparing for an operation to retake the militant-held northern city of Mosul, the country's second largest, from IS.

"All the troops are ready, now they are just waiting for the order from the prime minister," said Maj. Gen. Najim al-Jobori, the head of Nineveh operations command and one of the top Iraqi generals overseeing the Mosul operation.

"The head of the snake is Mosul," he said. "I think ISIS knows this is the end of ISIS in Iraq," he added, referring to IS by another acronym.

Focus

A look at hacked emails from Clinton's campaign chairman

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hacked emails released in daily dispatches this past week by the WikiLeaks group exposed the inner workings of Hillary Clinton's campaign leading up to her 2015 announcement that she would seek the presidency, and through this year's primary.

The thousands of emails were hacked from the accounts of Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta.

U.S. intelligence officials have blamed the Russian government for a series of breaches intended to influence the presidential election. The Russians deny involvement.

Among the revelations from Podesta's hacked emails:

AP

In this July 25, 2016, file photo, John Podesta, Clinton Campaign Chairman, speaks during the first day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

WHAT TO SAY ABOUT EMAIL SCANDAL

A series of exchanges among Clinton aides and her attorney in August 2015 show internal wrangling over what to say to the public about the ongoing scandal over her use of personal email and a private server.

In one conversation, speechwriter Dan Schwerin sent Podesta and top aides a suggested statement from Clinton saying that she had asked her team to "hand over my email server, as well as a thumb drive" with her emails. At the time, The Washington Post had reported that the FBI was looking into the security of the server and drive.

Clinton lawyer David Kendall pushed back on the statement's wording because it didn't specify that the server was being given to the Justice Department as opposed to the State Department, which was reviewing Clinton's emails for public release.

"There they go again—misleading, devious, non-transparent, tricky etc," he wrote, predicting how Clinton critics might respond once the full facts came out.

In a separate exchange a day later, aides wrestled with whether an open letter from Clinton should specifically reference former Secretary of State Colin Powell in arguing that she used the same email practices as her predecessors. They agreed to say that Clinton's actions had been "consistent with practice of prior secretaries" but to remove a reference in a fact-sheet to Powell.

Powell's private advice to Clinton about setting up private email later became public. In Powell's own emails that were hacked this year, he complained that Clinton's team was trying to blame him for her mistakes.

Clinton communications director Jennifer Palmieri in August 2015 also told her colleagues she hoped that "we could use the 'server moment' as an opportunity" for Clinton to be seen as taking a big step to deal with the controversy. But Palmieri said it was clear Clinton "is not in the same place," unless Podesta was able to get her to change her mind.

JUANITA BROADDRICK

A January 2016 email from Clinton's personal lawyer, David Kendall, to Podesta followed up on a phone call to provide a history of allegations made by Juanita Broaddrick, who accused Bill Clinton of raping her in the late 1970s.

Broaddrick was among the three past accusers of the former president who attended last week's debate in St. Louis at the invitation of Trump. Clinton has denied the rape accusation made by Broaddrick, which was never adjudicated by a criminal court.

The documents in the WikiLeaks release include the affidavit that Broaddrick signed saying that Clinton did not assault her and the independent counsel's history of the Paula Jones case in which Broaddrick later received immunity from any prosecution for perjury if she changed her story.

"Voila! She did, disavowing her sworn affidavit and sworn deposition testimony," Kendall wrote in the email to Podesta. He concluded, "Please let me know if there's anything else I can provide about this slimefest."

LARRY DAVID:

It turns out both Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders wanted the endorsement of "Curb Your Enthusiasm" star Larry David, who portrayed Sanders on NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

In an October 2015 email, campaign chairman John Podesta asked aides if David was supporting either candidate. Clinton's campaign reached out to Hollywood director and producer Rob Reiner, who said David wasn't endorsing "because he is going to keep playing Bernie on SNL."

The email said that Sanders' campaign contacted David after his initial Sanders' skit on SNL "to ask him to endorse and he declined."

STAR POWER

As Clinton's campaign geared up in 2015, her aides hoped to procure some star power to give her a boost—someone sensational, but not too sensational.

Less than two weeks before her formal launch speech in New York, her scheduling director asked for a list of celebrities willing to help and said the campaign wanted options "somewhere between a high school band and Lady Gaga."

Aides quickly gave the go-ahead to using actress Julianne Moore as a surrogate and said she "might be good for launch pre-program," referring to the part of the event before Clinton was to speak. Former campaign aide Diane Hamwi said "Girls" creator Lena Dunham "will do whatever, though bit more edgy." She floated other celebrities including actors Meryl Streep, Morgan Freeman, Sarah Jessica Parker, Jesse Taylor Ferguson, Amy Poehler and Tina Fey.

In another email, Hamwi listed musical performers who would likely help if in New York: Nick Jonas, Jon Bon Jovi, Christina Aguilera, John Legend and Alicia Keys, among others. Though she misspelled her first name, Hamwi said singer Katy Perry would "find a way to be here" for the event. Clinton's aides seemed particularly excited about the possibility of getting the band The Roots.

But Clinton's scheduling director, Alex Hornbrook, also had a bit of bad news: "There is no budget to fly anyone in."

WALL STREET SPEECHES

The campaign asked former President Bill Clinton to cancel a planned speech to a Wall Street investment firm last year because of concerns the Clintons might appear to be too cozy with Wall Street just as the former secretary of state was about to announce her White House bid.

Clinton aides wrote that Hillary Clinton did not want her husband to cancel the speech, but was eventually convinced that canceling was the right step.

Campaign manager Robby Mook said he realized canceling the speech would disappoint both Clintons, but said, "it's a very consequential unforced error and could plague us in stories for months."

Clintons' paid speeches have been an issue throughout the campaign, particularly Hillary Clinton's private speeches to Wall Street firms.

Bill Clinton was scheduled to speak to Morgan Stanley executives in April 2015, a few days after his wife was set to launch her bid for president.

"That's begging for a bad rollout," Mook wrote in an email from March 11, 2015.

SHUFFLING PRIMARY DAYS

The Clinton campaign tried to move the Illinois presidential primary to a later date. The campaign said a contest held after the Super Tuesday primaries might stop momentum for a moderate Republican candidate, and it emphasized that Clinton and her husband "won't forget" a political favor.

The email, from Mook to Podesta, said Obama administration officials should use their connections in the president's home state to try to push back the March 15 Illinois primary by at least a month.

"The overall goal is to move the IL primary out of mid-March, where they are currently a lifeline to a moderate Republican candidate after the mostly southern Super Tuesday," Mook wrote. "IL was a key early win for (GOP presidential candidate Mitt) Romney" in 2012.

"The Clintons won't forget what their friends have done for them," he added.

Mook suggested that Bill Daley, a former White House chief of staff and longtime Illinois power broker, should reach out to Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan to make the request.

The effort was ultimately unsuccessful.

PRIVATE EMAIL SYSTEM

As news broke last year about her use of a private email server, one of Clinton's top aides suggested simply releasing all the messages from her time as secretary of state.

The email was sent on March 4, 2015, the day The Associated Press first reported that Clinton had been running a private server inside her home in New York.

Within hours of AP's reporting, Republicans from the House Select Committee on Benghazi issued a subpoena demanding Clinton's emails regarding the deadly 2012 attacks on the U.S. diplomatic compound in Libya.

Adviser Phillipe Reines proposed that Clinton should respond by tweet: "No need for this, happy for you to have what I gave State. If they can't, I will. Bring a dolly!"—referring to a moving cart.

Clinton lawyer and chief of staff Cheryl Mills responded: "Seriously?"

Reines, who had worked for Clinton at the State Department, reiterated that he was serious, though he suggested maybe a campaign spokesman could respond less "flippantly."

Mills appeared to like the idea, at least initially. "Can we implement this in the next hour?"

It never happened.

Instead, Clinton's team waited more than a year as the State Department pored through more than 55,000 pages of Clinton's work-related emails from her time as the nation's top diplomat. And the issue kept bubbling up, no matter how hard Clinton's team worked to put it behind her.

HOW TO REPLY

Clinton's campaign was slow to grasp the seriousness of the email controversy and believed it might blow over after one weekend.

Two days after the AP report, her advisers were shaping their strategy to respond to the revelation.

Campaign spokesman Nick Merrill optimistically suggested that the issue might quickly blow over.

"Goal would be to cauterize this just enough so it plays out over the weekend and dies in the short term," Merrill wrote on March 6, 2015.

It did not, and instead became the leading example of Clinton's penchant for secrecy, which has persisted as a theme among her campaign critics and rivals throughout her election season. Clinton did not publicly confirm or discuss her use of the email server until March 10 in a speech at the United Nations, nearly one week after AP revealed the server's existence.

Health & Fitness

Are backpacks hurting your students' backs?

The backpack is as much as a part of school life as homework. Students use backpacks to carry everything they need. Unfortunately, the weight of everything they need stuffed into an improperly worn backpack may lead to sore joints and muscles.

"Many students carry backpack loads weighing more than 15 percent of their body weight, and parents are starting to hear their school-age children complaining of back pain," says Dr. Jessica Sosso, a Mayo Clinic Health System family physician.

When worn properly, backpacks are the best way to carry things, especially for long periods of time, adds Dr. Sosso. "When properly worn, a backpack is supported by the strongest muscles in the body: the back and abdominal muscles. These muscles work together to stabilize the trunk and hold the body in proper postural alignment. Improper backpack use presents some dangers to young, still-growing joints and muscles."

Sosso suggests these tips:

■ Wear both straps. Slinging a backpack over one shoulder causes a person to lean to one side to compensate for the uneven weight, curving the spine. Over time, this can cause lower and upper back pain, strained shoulders and neck, and functional scoliosis (curvature of the spine). Teenage girls are especially susceptible to scoliosis.

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Kids heading off to school.

■ Make sure the backpack is not too heavy. Students should not carry more than 15 percent of their body weight in a backpack. Even when worn properly with both straps, leaning forward to compensate for the extra weight of a full day's worth of textbooks and a change of clothing for after-school activities, for example, can affect the natural curve in the lower back. Extra weight also may cause a rounding of the shoulders and an increased curve in the upper back. As a result, students may experience back, shoulder and neck pain.

■ Pay attention to the type of backpack. Look for backpacks with wide straps. Narrow straps can hinder circulation, causing numbness or tingling in the arms, which, over time, may cause weakness in the hands.

■ Look for a backpack with a waist belt. Tightening the belt helps distribute the weight of the backpack more evenly. It's also wise to consider the weight of the backpack when empty. For example, a canvas backpack will be lighter than leather. For students who often walk to school near traffic, parents may want to find a backpack that has reflective strips that make their child more noticeable to drivers.

"Overall, you should encourage your children to wear their backpacks properly and keep it light," says Sosso. "Have them use both straps and make frequent stops at their locker throughout the day to avoid carrying all their books at once. And leave nonessentials at home. Urge your children to tell you if they are in pain or have discomfort before a problem becomes serious." ***(From Mayo Clinic News Network)***

Calcium supplements could increase risk of heart disease, new study finds

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THE BALTIMORE SUN

BALTIMORE—Calcium supplements that many women take to boost bone health increase their risk for heart disease, a new study by researchers at Johns Hopkins Medicine and other institutions has found.

The results show calcium supplements make people more prone to plaque buildup in arteries, which contributes to the risk of a heart attack.

The study, published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Heart Association, is the latest salvo in a nearly decade-long debate about whether the supplements do more harm than good.

The researchers said their findings give patients reason to use caution when taking the supplements. It is better for people to get calcium from food such as dairy products, leafy green vegetables, and fortified cereal and juices, they said.

When calcium plaque builds up in the arteries, it inhibits blood flow, increasing heart attack risk.

About 43 percent of men and women take a supplement that includes calcium, according to the National Institutes of Health.

"We think the body metabolizes supplements and dietary calcium differently," said Dr. Erin Michos, associate director of preventive cardiology and associate professor of medicine at the Ciccarone Center for the Prevention of Heart Disease at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. "If you are worried about your bones, then get your calcium through food."

Michos said the study adds to growing evidence that calcium supplements are bad for the heart. But the Council for Responsible Nutrition, which represents manufacturers of dietary supplements, said just as many studies show the opposite.

The group pointed to evidence in the study that people who get a high dose of calcium from a mix of foods and dietary supplements had the lowest risk of calcification in the coronary artery.

"This confirms the safety of calcium supplementation for heart health, which has been the conclusion of several large studies in recent years," said Duffy MacKay, the council's senior vice president of scientific and regulatory affairs. "Consumers should have confidence in the safety of calcium supplements, and women in particular should be aiming to get the targeted daily amount of calcium through a combination of diet and supplementation."

The study was prompted in large part because the scientists wanted to build on previous research by others that found calcium supplements never actually make it to a patient's bones and instead accumulate in soft tissue and muscles, such as the heart.

The researchers, who worked with scientists from several other universities, looked at data from the Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis. The study, funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, collected medical information from more than 6,000 patients over time to look at the risk factors and characteristics of cardiovascular disease.

Michos and the team of researchers focused on 2,742 participants who completed dietary questionnaires and had CT scans taken at the beginning of the study and 10 years later.

They found that people who used supplements showed a 22 percent increased likelihood of developing heart disease over the decade. This was after taking into account demographic factors such as exercise habits, smoking, weight, blood sugar and family medical history.

The research did find that those who consumed the highest levels of calcium — from foods and supplements — were 27 percent less likely to develop heart disease. It reached that conclusion by comparing the 20 percent of participants with the highest calcium intake, from diet and supplements, to the 20 percent with the lowest calcium intake.

Michos called the study limited because it was observational and looked at patient data. A larger, more extensive clinical trial needs to be done, she said.

Dr. Michael Miller, professor of cardiovascular medicine, epidemiology and public health at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, said that the study provides further evidence that most supplements in general are not the best way to fight disease. Supplements are not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration like other drugs.

"We have known this for years from Vitamin A, Vitamin C and other supplements," said Miller, who writes about supplements in his book "Heal Your Heart." "They just don't work. But if you eat the foods that contain these vitamins, the body will absorb them better."

Michos said she realizes past studies have been mixed, but said there were weaknesses in some of the research that showed no link between calcium supplements and heart disease. She believes that many patients are taking calcium supplements without consulting their doctor and that there are better medications on the market even for women with weak bones, she said.

"I think that a lot of women are taking calcium supplements because they think it is good for their body," Michos said. "People think that because you get things over the counter they are automatically safe. I think we need to get the message out to our patients that they need to take caution with the supplements they take into their bodies."

Researchers from the University of Washington, Indiana University, Wake Forest University, Emory University, the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and other universities and the University of California, Los Angeles Medical Center also participated in the study.

Life & Style

'Certain Women' named best picture at London Film Festival

LONDON (AP)—Writer-director Kelly Reichardt's spare and subtle Montana drama "Certain Women" won the best-picture prize Saturday at the London Film Festival, while "12 Years a Slave" director Steve McQueen received a major career award.

A jury headed by Greek director Athina Rachel Tsangari praised the masterful imagery and quiet modesty of Reichardt's film about three women—played by Kristen Stewart, Michelle Williams and Laura Dern—struggling with life in a chilly small town.

The director is known for moving, minimalist dramas including "Wendy and Lucy" and "Meek's Cutoff."

"Certain Women" beat other nominees including Paul Verhoeven's provocative revenge thriller "Elle;" Barry Jenkins' Miami coming-of-age drama "Moonlight;" and Chilean director Pablo Larrain's poet biopic "Neruda."

AP

Actress Monica Bellucci poses for photographers upon arrival for the premiere of the film 'On The Milk Road', showing as part of the London Film Festival in London, Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016.

French director Julia Ducournau's horror story "Raw" was named best first feature during the festival's black-tie awards ceremony at London's 17th-century Banqueting House.

Iranian director Mehrdad Oskouei's portrait of teenage inmates, "Starless Dreams," was named best documentary, and Syrian photographer Issa Touma's "9 Days—From My Window in Aleppo" won the short-film prize.

McQueen, a British director and Turner Prize-winning video artist, was presented with the British Film Institute Fellowship award by actor Michael Fassbender, who has appeared in all three of the director's feature films—"Hunger," ''Shame" and "12 Years a Slave."

When the award was announced last month, BFI chairman Josh Berger said McQueen "has consistently explored the endurance of humanity—even when it is confronted by inhumane cruelty—with a poetry and visual style that he has made his own."

The 60-year-old London festival has sought this year to encourage diversity in the film industry, opening with Amma Asante's "A United Kingdom." A tale of interracial love and politics inspired by real events, it marked the first time that a black female director has held the prestigious opening slot at the festival.

The 12-day event screened some 250 features, and also included a symposium on why black actors remain under-represented onscreen in Britain and the United States.

In Trump's 'Apprentice' run, reality wasn't what it seemed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The skyline shimmers, the music pulses and Donald Trump's helicopter swoops in for a landing.

Oozing authority, the billionaire strides purposefully—in slow-motion, for added impact—toward some important matter of business in "New York, my city," as Trump calls it.

Week by week, year by year, 14 seasons of "The Apprentice" or "Celebrity Apprentice" served as a grand homage to all things Trump, running from 2004 to 2015.

Donald Trump the actor made Donald Trump the businessman seem pretty fabulous. Americans never saw what was taking place behind the scenes.

The show offered Trump the ultimate opportunity for product placement: Contestants fawned over Trump's gilded-to-excess Fifth Avenue apartment, his casinos, golf courses, even his girlfriend and later wife Melania. They promoted his modeling company, his water bottles and other Trump-branded businesses, as the man himself spun out bits of business advice known as "Donaldisms" and bemoaned the daunting task of telling eager young dreamers, "You're fired."

This picture of Trump as smart, decisive, blunt, benevolent, rich—really rich—and never wrong turned out to be the ideal launching pad for his improbable presidential campaign.

That it didn't always jibe with reality didn't seem to matter to the millions of Americans who turned "The Apprentice" into a national phenomenon. Or to NBC, which reveled in the show's sky-high ratings early on, and kept tinkering with the formula in an effort to revive them in later years.

It turns out that the unseen side of "The Apprentice" was darker : Show insiders have told the AP that in his years as a reality TV boss, Trump repeatedly demeaned women with sexist language, rating female contestants by the size of their breasts and talking about which ones he'd like to have sex with.

And one former contestant, Summer Zervos, said Friday that Trump made unwanted sexual advances toward her in 2007 when she met with him at a Beverly Hills hotel to talk about a potential job. Zervos, who had competed on the show in 2006, said Trump became sexually aggressive during their meeting at the hotel, kissing her open-mouthed and touching her breasts.

Speculation about what kind of Trump conduct might be lurking in video out-takes from the show has swirled in recent days, since the release of "Access Hollywood" footage showing Trump joking about grabbing women by the genitals and kissing them without asking. But the owners of the "Apprentice" production company say they cannot legally release footage from the show.

Trump's boorish behavior toward women wasn't apparent to viewers of the reality TV show.

And for all of the snickering about the silliness of reality TV, pop culture expert Robert Thompson says, the show was "very, very important to shaping, framing and establishing the person of Donald Trump who would then go on to become the GOP nominee."

"If 'The Apprentice' had never happened, I don't think Donald Trump would be where he is right now politically," says Thompson.

Trump already had an outsized reputation when he launched "The Apprentice" in January 2004. By that point, the businessman with a knack for self-promotion had already soared high, fallen from grace, become something of a punchline and was back on the rebound, more focused on licensing his name than building things. He'd eagerly done any number of cameos in movies and TV shows to promote himself as a titan of business.

"My name's Donald Trump and I'm the largest real estate developer in New York," Trump declared as he launched Season 1, Episode 1 of "The Apprentice" with trademark immodesty. "I've mastered the art of the deal and I've turned the name Trump into the highest quality brand. As the master, I want to pass along my knowledge to somebody else."

That was a fact-checkworthy way to start things off, and Trump's hometown newspaper, The New York Times, obliged by pointing out that while the audacious star of "The Apprentice" might have had the highest profile among the city's developers, plenty of others were doing more and bigger deals.

Trump had been approached with reality TV proposals before, but nothing clicked until "Survivor" producer Mark Burnett came to him with the idea of a show set in the "urban jungle" of New York.

The original idea was to have a different business executive serve as host every season, with Trump the first, says Jeff Gaspin, head of program strategy at NBC Entertainment in 2001-2002 and later chairman of NBC Entertainment.

"His role was originally fairly small—introduce the challenge then appear in a brief boardroom scene," Gaspin said in an interview. "Donald turned out to be a natural and really loved being on camera. The boardroom scenes were expanded to almost one-third of the show."

People gravitated to Trump's persona as a tough, decisive and irreverent boss who offered "at least the illusion of a pathway to success," says Yale's Jeffrey Sonnenfeld, an associate dean who wrote public critiques of the show for newspapers.

Helen Mirren calls on women to change the future by voting

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—At a Friday event to recognize philanthropic contributions by Hollywood women, Helen Mirren said women can "change the landscape for future generations" by voting in the upcoming presidential election.

"It's time for the best role model in the White House," Mirren said to cheers from the overwhelmingly female audience.

The annual Variety Power of Women luncheon celebrates women's leadership in charitable and humanitarian efforts. Held at the Beverly Wilshire hotel, the event also recognized Miley Cyrus, Scarlett Johansson, Ava DuVernay, Laverne Cox, fashion designer Georgina Chapman and Spanx founder Sara Blakely and the various nonprofits they support.

Mirren, who was honored for her work with the Stuttering Association for the Young, said she used to think such women's events weren't necessary, that women should just "barge their way in" to positions of power.

"I've come to realize this is a fantasy," she said. "Without an organization, without a megaphone to make your voice heard, your voice remains feeble. It is ignored.

"In the next few weeks we will see a real-life example of this," she continued, "as women of all ages and all economic situations, all professions, vote."

Mirren wasn't the only honoree to mention the upcoming election and women's role in it. Johansson, an advocate for Planned Parenthood, said reproductive rights should be "taken off the ballot."

"A woman's right to choose what to do with her body shouldn't just be a women's rights issue," she said. "It's the year 2016, and this is a human rights issue."

DuVernay, who works with 1000 Black Girl Books, said it's important to celebrate women, "especially in a society, in our culture right now, where at the highest levels of public discourse there's been such a degradation of women."

The filmmaker said she's inspired by women's rising voices against sexism and sexual assault inspired by recent news events.

"There have been women throughout history who have fought, but so often on the margins, so often pushed out and unheard," she said. "The fact that this is coming to the middle and becoming a national conversation is a positive thing in a really negative time."

Blakely, who pledged in 2013 to donate half of her billion-dollar fortune to help women, said, "the world would be a much better place if the male and female energy on the planet were more balanced."

The Power of Women event recognized one man: Universal Music executive Lucian Grainge, who has promoted numerous women to leadership positions. He said he was inspired by his mother.

Olympian Michael Phelps to attend Forbes Under 30 Summit

BOSTON (AP)—Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps and actor Ashton Kutcher are among the sports stars, celebrities, business icons, musicians and fashion designers expected to attend the Forbes Under 30 Summit in Boston.

The three-day event is set to begin Sunday and run through Tuesday.

The summit is expected to bring together thousands of global entrepreneurs at different venues around Boston, including Faneuil Hall and campuses of Harvard Business School, Emerson College and Northeastern University.

Participants will include actress and Honest Company founder Jessica Alba, model and author Chrissy Teigen; Draftkings founder Jason Robbins; gold-medal Olympic gymnast Aly Raisman; Virgin Atlantic Airways founder Sir Richard Branson; Samuel Adams founder Jim Koch; and recording artist Jason Derulo.

AP

A May 15, 2015, file photo, Ryan Lochte, left, and Michael Phelps talk before the start of the 100-meter butterfly final at the Arena Pro Swim Series meet in Charlotte, N.C.

Cave etchings 14,500 years old found in northern Spain

MADRID (AP)—More than 50 cave etchings thought to be around 14,500 years old have been found in the northern Spanish town of Lekeitio.

Bizkaia regional official Unai Rementeria announced the discovery in a press conference Thursday, saying the etchings were a "treasure of mankind," and "of exceptional technical quality and visibility." He said experts have praised the etchings as the "most spectacular" in the Iberian peninsula.

Among the figures carved into the stone surface are horses, bison, goats and, for the first time, at least two lions.

The region of Bizkaia neighbors the region of Cantabria, home to the famous Altamira cave paintings, Spain's most prized prehistoric cave art site—also known as the Sistine Chapel of Paleolithic Art.

Ang Lee unveils his hyper-real 'Billy Lynn' to mixed reviews

NEW YORK (AP)—Mixed reviews greeted Ang Lee's long anticipated "Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk" at the New York Film Festival on Friday night, casting further doubts over the promise of Hollywood's latest technological savior: high-frame rate filming.

The premiere was one of the fall movie season's most closely watched events because Lee's drama, an adaptation of Ben Fountain's 2012 novel, was made with a faster frame rate than any previous wide release. Aside from being in 3-D and 4K resolution, Lee shot the film—about an Iraq War hero on a victory tour at an NFL game—at 120 frames-per-second, five times the traditional 24 frames per second.

It's a gambit Peter Jackson tried at a mere 48 frames per second with "The Hobbit" trilogy, earning bad reviews in the process. James Cameron has hailed it as the future, and has said he will use it in "Avatar" sequels. But the technology is nascent. Lee's film, which Sony Pictures will release Nov. 11, is so new that there are only two North American theaters (one in New York, one in Los Angeles) that will be able to project it as crafted. Other theaters will screen different versions.

For the film's New York Film Festival debut, festival-goers were transferred across the street from Lincoln Center to a multiplex that was specifically outfitted for the premiere. Lee didn't try to hide his nerves.

"I've done this a lot but you can see I'm nervous," Lee said before the screening. "I feel like I'm exposed to the high-frame rate, 3-D, high-resolution camera. I can sort of feel for our actors."

The effect of the format is a hyper-realness that can look, despite its clarity, like video. Backgrounds are so visible that they can appear artificial, while the closeness with the actors can create an unfiltered intimacy. The cast (led by British newcomer Joe Alwyn as the title character, along with Garrett Hedlund, Kristen

Lawrence Ferlinghetti on Nobel: 'Bravo for Dylan.'

NEW YORK (AP)—Lawrence Ferlinghetti, one of the last links to the early days of the Beat poetry movement, never doubted the artistry of Bob Dylan or his worthiness of the Nobel prize.

"Bravo for Dylan, Nobel Laureate!" the poet, publisher and bookstore owner told The Associated Press in an email Friday, a day after Nobel judges stunned, delighted and also dismayed the world by making the singer-songwriter its latest winner of the literature prize.

Dylan was close to Allen Ginsberg and other Beats and in his early songs often wrote in a rich, stream of consciousness style that resembled the Beats' work. Ginsberg would remember hearing Dylan's "A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall" and feeling an instant connection, especially to the line "I'll know my songs well before I start singin.'" Just as critics and writers have long debated whether Dylan's lyrics qualified as literature, the Beats in their time were challenged by the academic establishment for rejecting formal structure and not writing "real" poetry.

Ferlinghetti told the AP that he had "always considered Dylan a poet first, and he too considered himself a poet first." He said that decades ago he had hoped Dylan would release his material in print form through the publishing arm of Ferlinghetti's celebrated City Lights bookstore in San Francisco. Alas, Ferlinghetti said, "he became famous" and lived on as a "song and dance man."

Reports: Shooting, stabbing at model Miranda Kerr's home

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Media reports say an intruder outside the mansion of supermodel Miranda Kerr has been shot by a security guard, and Kerr wasn't home at the time.

A Los Angeles Sheriff's Department spokesman said that an intruder at a Malibu residence Friday was shot three times after he stabbed a security guard late-morning Friday.

Sgt. Jeff Delrio said Saturday he could not immediately provide the home address or confirm that the property was Kerr's residence.

He said the security guard was stabbed near one of his eyes and both men were taken to a hospital. He said they are expected to be OK.

Kerr is the former wife of actor Orlando Bloom.

Not voting is indication of apathy, not principle

DEAR ABBY: My 72-year-old husband believes that not voting in the upcoming presidential election is making a statement because he can't tolerate any of the candidates. He believes that not voting is telling the political parties to offer more acceptable candidates.

I believe that not voting makes no statement AT ALL because many of those who don't vote really don't care, and THAT is the message that is received. Voting is a right that should be exercised. To vote is to make a statement. Do you think he is making his feelings known by not voting?

NOT VOTING IN THE WEST

DEAR NOT VOTING: No, I do not. Your husband seems to have forgotten how fortunate we are to live in a country where people CAN vote. In many countries, that's not the case. The most important thing citizens can do is to educate themselves about the candidates and the issues and then cast their ballot. The higher the turnout, the more reflective the outcome is of the wishes of the people.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Fred," and I have been together for 10 years, during five of which we have been engaged, although there has been no talk of actually setting a date. That doesn't bother me because I am very unhappy in our relationship now.

Fred hasn't worked in three years. I have been supporting him all this time and I'm losing my mind. I am doing everything I can, and I'm beyond stressed. I can't talk to him about it because he doesn't want to talk. I send out his resume, and he doesn't return any calls to the places that call him.

I am 32 and feel like I am in a rut. What should I do?

IN A RUT IN ILLINOIS

DEAR IN A RUT: Why are you sending out HIS resume? By now it should be clear to you that Fred has no intention of getting a job. Why should he? He has a good deal the way things are.

Engagements usually involve setting a wedding date. Because the two of you haven't, and you are unhappy in your relationship, break off the non-engagement! Cut your losses by investing no more time (or money) in your deadbeat boyfriend and set yourself free.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 10 years old and in fifth grade. I was in science class when my friend cheated off of me. I could confront her, but if I do I risk losing her as a friend. She has done some rude things to me in the past, and I don't know what to do.

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DEAR ABBY

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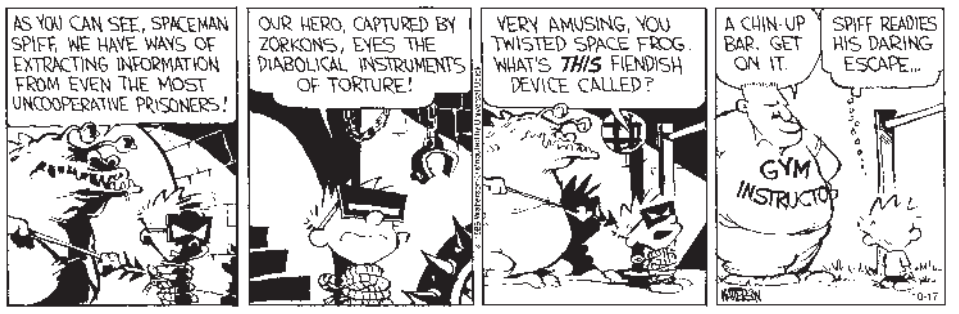
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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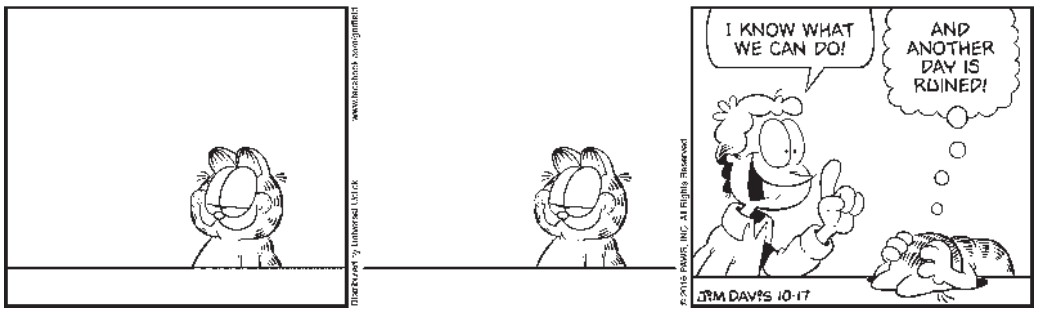

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

ADAM?
MMUH?
LOOK. I KNOW YOU'RE STRUGGLING WITH THE NO-COFFEE THING.
BUT THE PLUMBER IS GOING TO BE HERE SOON AND I HAVE TO LEAVE.
CAN YOU WAKE UP AND TALK TO HIM?
GRUNT... PLUMB. PLUMBY GOOD. FNUER.
IT'S OKAY. I SPEAK SLEEPY DAD.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CANDIDATE NUMBER TWO, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS THE MOST CRUCIAL PROBLEM FACING OUR COUNTRY?
RISING BEER PRICES.
He's GOT MY VOTE.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Throat clearer
5 Old Olds-mobile
8 Begged
12 Big tent at an expo
14 Car
15 Start of a multi-step project
16 Pleased
17 Potent stick
18 Lunar program
20 Star's bit part
23 Not naked
24 Unoriginal one
25 Military group
28 Two, in Acapulco
29 Cauterizes
30 Raw rock
32 Apparition
34 Arkin of "Argo"
35 Honey bunch?
36 Andrew — Webber
37 Less distant
40 Actress Lucy
41 Thus
42 Drug store
47 Europe's neighbor
48 Ballot variety
49 See to
50 Refusals
51 Kansas city

DOWN

1 PC program
2 Taunting laugh
3 Ms. Longoria
4 "Hey, —!"
5 Laugh-a-minute
6 Many millennia
7 Mild chili designation
8 Asian temple
9 Temporary calm
10 List-ending abbr.
11 Nitwit
13 Fallon predecessor
19 Buddies
20 Scoundrel
21 Per person
22 Netting
23 Utter disorder
25 Collar style
26 — contendere
27 Picture of health?
29 Old dagger
31 Finale
33 Touring France, say
34 Grads
36 Old Italian money
37 Spruced up
38 Gaelic
39 Opposite of "fer"
40 Colleen
43 Showtime rival
44 From — Z
45 Cartoon frame
46 Verily

Solution time: 27 mins.

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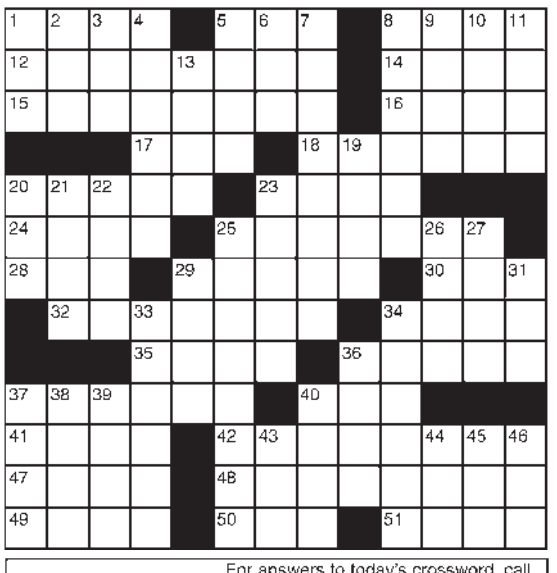

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Happy Birthday: Put your common sense and peaceful nature to use this year. Don't let the little things get to you or the people who see things differently may cause uncertainty. Do what feels right and don't stop until you feel you have accomplished what you set out to do. Positive change begins within and will make its way out into the world around you. Your numbers are 8, 12, 22, 28, 36, 39, 47.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Put more effort into your work and use your skills in diverse ways in order to make more money. Negotiating contracts and taking on new responsibilities is favored. Don't let anyone speak for you. Call on past resources to get ahead. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Stay calm and make the most of your day. Business trips, learning and taking the initiative to get things done will put you in a good position. A kind gesture will help you keep the peace with someone who is facing difficult choices. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Listen carefully and question anything that doesn't seem accurate. Do your best to avoid involvement in situations that can tarnish your reputation. Use your diverse knowledge and experience to find a way to secure your position. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Trust in yourself and your own judgment. The minute you let insecurity take over, problems will arise. Don't hesitate to take care of matters or someone else may take over. Choose love and peace over conflicts and arguments. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Discuss the changes you want to make at home, work or personally with anyone who will be affected by what you do. It's best to clear the air so you have nothing in your way. Strive to work toward a better future. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Express the way you feel to help you overcome any worrisome issues. Get involved in an activity that will improve your health and give you an outlet to lower your stress. Make mental and physical health your priority. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Take a breather and rethink your strategy. Changes may entice you, but they won't turn out the way you want. More research is needed if you want to ensure a positive outcome. Anger is best handled with diplomacy. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Stay on top of any partnership issues. If you neglect to take care of your responsibilities, you will have to make up for negligence later. Your imagination will lead to an interesting lifestyle change. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Screen your calls and stick to the people and the projects that are easiest for you to deal with. A last-minute change will turn out to be to your benefit, so don't fret—just keep moving forward. Romance will boost your personal life. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Don't expect everyone to do things your way, and you won't be disappointed. You can offer advice, but you can't make decisions for other people. Do your own thing and don't lose sleep over what transpires. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Keep a clear head when dealing with family, friends and your peers. Don't let your emotions cause you trouble. Take the time to think matters through and you will come up with a workable solution that will make others take notice. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Don't let anyone take advantage of you. Take care of your own responsibilities and move on to the projects that will help you build a brighter future. Someone from your past will help you revive your dreams, hopes and wishes. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are intelligent, proactive and mindful. You are imaginative and creative.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 10/17

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Friday's SUDOKU Answer

6	2	1	4	3	5	9	8	7
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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/17

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

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N	K	I	E	E	R	T	I	O	L	G	V	R	C	N
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Last Thursday's Answer: Blanket

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Application may be picked up and submitted to Fiesta Resort's security office located in the South Wing. A drug test must be passed as a condition of employment.
Closing date: October 17, 2016

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Century Tours, Inc. invites qualified U.S. worker candidates to apply for the following positions:

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High School Diploma or a GED with prior work experience in luxury retail sales. Must be able to lift at least 15 pound items and carry it for at least 100 yards with or without using a trolley. Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese (Mandarin) languages. Must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Familiarity with the POS System is preferred.

Interested applicants may send their applications or resumes via email to ceti_recruitment@tanholdings.com. To be considered, resumes/application documents must be submitted not later than October 18, 2016. Applications for Employment are available at the Century Tours Office, Kanoa Resort. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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PACIFIC ISLANDS CLUB SAIPAN

We are seeking for high energy individuals with a positive, can do attitude.
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(1) ASSISTANT FRONT OFFICE MANAGER
Minimum of five (5) years of previous experience as a supervisor for the Front Office hotel industry which has more than 300 rooms. Assists with the Front Office operations, including a Call Center, Concierge, Tour Desk and Guest Service operations; Must have the ability to train employees to ensure standards of the hotel are met. Excellent written and oral communication skills are necessary. Must be able to solve guest complaints and work in a high-pressured environment. Must have computer knowledge of PMS-Property Management System such as Opera, Fidelio and Epitome. Must be able to work graveyard shifts, evenings, weekends, and holidays.

(1) ASSISTANT RESTAURANT MANAGER
Minimum of five (5) years restaurant and/or hotel food and beverage experience required, plus have a minimum of three (3) years of experience working in a supervisory role in Food & Beverage. Proficient with the use of Microsoft Office and the use of Micros point-of-sale systems. Must be able to speak, read and write in English, Korean and Chinese languages. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

Applications must be received by 5:00pm on Thursday, October 20th, 2016.
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- Provides supervision and direction of all bank employees
- Monitors all activities of the bank including new loan requests, past dues, classified loans, non–accruals, overdrafts, and exceptions.
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- Approves all request as directed by Lending Policy regulating such authority.
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- Works closely with government agencies as needed.
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- Serves as the bank representative in professional, business, and community organizations and events to promote bank services.
- Coordinates directly with the Chairman of the Board for Board and committee functions

TECHNICAL/FUNCTIONAL COMPETENCIES REQUIRED:
- Strong financial and regulatory expertise with banking industry.
- Strong negotiation skills.
- Strong leadership, communication, organization, and analytical skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Strong financial analytical and underwriting skills.
- Complex thinking capacity and skills.
- Knowledge of loan participation.
- Ability to lead others to comprehend complex issues from a higher level and bring value to management.

EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:
- Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in Finance, Management, or related field.
- Minimum of 10-20 years relevant industry and management experience.

SALARY
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NOTE: This job description is not intended to be all-inclusive. Employee may perform other related duties as assigned by the Chairman of the Board to meet the ongoing needs of the organization.

Candidates must be eligible to work in the US. Interested applicants are requested to submit their resume to:

Bank of Saipan, Main Office located in Chalan Kanoa,
Attention : Joe Ayuyu, Chairman of the Board

You may send by e-mail to jayuyu@yahoo.com.
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MICRONESIA RENEWABLE ENERGY INC. | CNMI
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
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Overview
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However, this position is not a 9-to-5 desk job. As a Solar Energy Advisor at MRE, you will be responsible for generating your own leads, primarily by door to door sales efforts, referrals, and channel sales methods. You will be working directly with homeowners to lower their monthly utility by going green with MRE/SUNNOVA. This is a full time position at MRE that has a rich commission program linked to performance with benefits.

Responsibilities
- Drive production of opportunities to meet local sales teams goals and objectives
- Develop qualified referrals and sales opportunities
- Generate own leads by directly contacting homeowners, initiate conversations and close home owner contracts to save money while using clean solar energy

Qualifications
- 2 year or 4 year college degree preferred
- High school diploma required
- Excellent computer skills including Microsoft Office, proficient with email and CRM systems
- MUST have prior door to door sales experience
- A track record of achievement as evidenced by sales awards, beating quota, etc.
- General understanding of the sales process and experience achieving and exceeding sales quota goals
- A positive, friendly personality and professional demeanor
- Flexibility to work within non-standard business hours
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills required
- Excellent customer service skills required
- Frequent local travel
- Frequent walking/standing for 6-8 hours per day
- Ability to work with daily exposure to outside environment including inclement weather
- Punctual, regular and consistent attendance
- A reliable form of personal transportation. Must be able to work independently, with minimal supervision
- Team player with a big picture attitude!
- High energy, strong drive to win!
- Highly persuasive
- Self-disciplined and honest
- Driven and wants to WIN
- Interested in long-term career opportunities because we promote from within
- Able to successfully pass a pre-employment background screen

Benefits for Full-Time Positions
- Competitive compensation with many positions incentivized
- Paid training with the area's leader in solar power
- Full benefits package including health, dental insurance• (After 90 Days employment)
- Career path opportunities for top performers

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Solar Energy/Electrical Installation Technician

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Overview
Micronesia Renewable Energy, Inc. is seeking applicants to install residential grid-tied and off grid Solar PV systems. In this position, the PV Installer will provide support to the crew lead of the installation team, communicate job status data to the operations management, and ensure the completion of installation of all solar arrays/systems. It is the responsibility of every Installer to ensure safe work practices for the MRE installation team.

Responsibilities
- Pulling inventory for each installation job
- Pre-assemble job components in the warehouse
- Layout and assembly of solar modules / array and mounting hardware
- Mechanical/structural mounting of racking, modules and electrical equipment
- Electrical wiring of solar array/system (AC and DC)
- Document completion of completed installation
- Cleanup of job site
- Attend mandatory training sessions on new products, installation methodology and safety
- Additional duties required as needed

Qualifications
- 1 year of roof work, general construction, or Electrical required
- Previous solar experience strongly preferred
- Must be able to lift 50lbs
- Ability to work in extreme environments (example: heat, sun, etc)
- Must be willing and able to climb ladders, stairs, work on rooftops and able to work on your feet for long periods of time
- Basic computer skills including familiarity with Microsoft Office programs
- High school diploma or GED required
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills required
- Excellent customer service skills required
- Must be able to successfully pass a pre-employment criminal, driving and drug screen
- Must have a clean driving record (example- no DUI in the last 5 years)
- Must have a valid CNMI driver's license
- Thrive in a team environment

Benefits for Full-Time Positions:
- Above Market Competitive compensation with many positions incentivized
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Montero's PH slam lifts Cubs over Dodgers 8-4 in NLCS opener

AP
Chicago Cubs' Miguel Montero (47) hits a grand slam during the eighth inning of Game 1 of the National League baseball championship series against the Los Angeles Dodgers Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016, in Chicago.

CHICAGO (AP)—Miguel Montero delivered a memorable swing, Javier Baez stole home with his daring dash down the line and Jon Lester turned in another steady performance on the mound.

It all added up to another dramatic victory for the Chicago Cubs, who are off and running in the NL Championship Series.

Montero snapped an eighth-inning tie with the third pinch-hit grand slam in postseason history, and Chicago beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 8-4 in the opener Saturday night, moving the Cubs a step closer to their first pennant in 71 years.

"We hang in there," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "We don't give up."

Game 2 is Sunday night, with the Dodgers once again in need of a clutch performance from ace Clayton Kershaw. Major league ERA leader Kyle Hendricks pitches for the Cubs, chasing their first World Series title since 1908.

Lester pitched six effective innings, and Dexter Fowler homered after making two diving catches in center field—breaking his belt on the second grab. Left fielder Ben Zobrist threw out Adrian Gonzalez at the plate, helping Chicago to its first NLCS victory in 13 years.

The Cubs pulled out 14 of their major league-best 103 wins this season in their final at-bat. They added two more in the Division Series against playoff-tested San Francisco, including a four-run ninth in the clinching Game 4.

And now, this.

"We've kind of proved we can overcome adversity in the game," slugger Kris Bryant said.

Chicago was swept by the New York Mets in last year's NLCS. Lester & Co. are back again and already in better shape following a crazy eighth inning.

In the top half, Gonzalez tied it at 3 with a two-out, two-run single off Aroldis Chapman.

Zobrist hit a leadoff double in the bottom of the inning before pinch-hitter Chris Coghlan was intentionally walked with runners at first and second and two outs, bringing up Chapman's spot in the batting order.

"That was the right thing to do," Maddon said. "I probably would have done the same thing."

Maddon sent up Montero, who drove an 0-2 slider from loser Joe Blanton halfway up the right-field bleachers for his first hit of the playoffs.

"I trust Joe. I've trusted him all year long. He's been great for us," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "Left a pitch up. ... It just didn't work out."

The crowd of 42,376 at Wrigley Field roared as Montero rounded the bases and kept cheering until the veteran catcher popped out of the dugout for a curtain call.

"I never even thought I was going to hit at that point," Montero said. "To be honest, I thought Maddon put me out there just to bring the lefty and get (Willson) Contreras to pinch-hit for me, and they didn't bring the lefty for Contreras."

Fowler homered on the next pitch as the Cubs rebounded quickly from a shaky bullpen performance. Hector Rondon allowed Andrew Toles' RBI double in the ninth before Chase Utley lined into a game-ending double play.

Chapman retired Yasmani Grandal on an inning-ending groundout in the eighth and was credited with the win.

"We'll be ready tomorrow," Gonzalez said. "This game gave us a lot of confidence. We know we can beat them."

Lester and Baez helped Chicago to a 3-1 lead after seven. But the Dodgers rallied in the eighth, prompting Maddon to go to Chapman with the bases loaded and no outs.

The lefty struck out Corey Seager and Yasiel Puig before Gonzalez lined a 102 mph fastball back up the middle. A pumped-up Gonzalez celebrated at first base after delivering Los Angeles' first hit in 12 at-bats with the bases loaded in these playoffs.

But everything changed in the bottom half, leaving both managers to answer for several difficult decisions. Lester was replaced by a pinch hitter after just 77 pitches, and the intentional walk to Coghlan put the go-ahead run at third.

"A lot of that stuff was preplanned," Maddon said. "You look for situations. You're looking for the right matchups. But you don't know what he's going to do. ... You have to be able to react."

Andre Ethier had a pinch-hit homer for Los Angeles, helped by a strong wind going out to left and left-center on a warm night at Wrigley Field. Kenta Maeda lasted just four innings in his fourth straight shaky outing dating to the regular season.

The last time Kershaw was on the mound, he got two outs for the save in Los Angeles' clinching Game 5 win at Washington on Thursday night. The taxing final victory over the Nationals left Roberts with few options for the NLCS opener, and the Cubs jumped on Maeda for three runs in the first two innings.

"There were a lot of pitches I left over the plate that they took advantage of," Maeda said through a translator.

Bryant drove in Fowler with an RBI double in the first. Baez, one of the breakout stars of this year's postseason, added his own run-scoring double in the second, on a blooper into center over a drawn-in infield.

Baez was on third with one out when he initially broke for the plate with Lester squaring to bunt. Lester didn't get the bunt down, and catcher Carlos Ruiz threw to third baseman Justin Turner. Baez hesitated, then kept going toward the plate. He slid in safely before Ruiz could get the tag on him.

Baez became the second player to steal home for the Cubs in a postseason game, joining Jimmy Slagle in Game 4 of the 1907 World Series, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"It was a safety squeeze. I went a little too early and I saw I couldn't get back," Baez said. "This is the big leagues and a rundown is too easy, so I kept going."

Miller dazzles, Indians edge Blue Jays 2-1 in Game 2 of ALCS

CLEVELAND (AP)—They don't have a true superstar, an embarrassment of All-Stars or a celebrity following. That's the NBA champion Cavaliers, who play next door.

The Indians, though, have depth, chemistry, one of baseball's best managers and quite possibly the most dominant bullpen weapon in the game.

Andrew Miller has Cleveland two wins from the World Series—and Toronto batters flailing.

Josh Tomlin baffled Blue Jays batters for nearly six innings and Miller, acquired just ahead of the trade deadline for exactly these pressure-packed October moments, blew them away as Cleveland edged Toronto 2-1 on Saturday to take 2-0 lead in the AL Championship Series.

Carlos Santana homered off 20-game winner J.A. Happ, and Francisco Lindor had an RBI single for the Indians. They won the second straight tense game in this series and have won five straight postseason games for the first time in their 116-year history.

An afterthought in August, Tomlin has emerged as an unlikely October star for the Indians. He allowed one run and three hits in 5 2/3 innings for his second win of the postseason - he won the Game 3 Division Series clincher in Boston—before Cleveland manager Terry Francona handed the ball to the magnificent Miller, who is making the Blue Jays look like Little Leaguers.

The lanky left-hander struck out the side in the seventh, two more in the eighth and has 10 strikeouts in 3 2/3 innings in the series. He has not allowed a run in 16 career postseason innings.

"He's one of the best I've ever seen," said closer Cody Allen , who worked the ninth to close the three-hitter for his second straight save. "He goes out there for two innings, shuts them down and gets a lot of swings and misses. Whenever you get to come in behind a guy like that, you're in a pretty good spot."

So are the Indians, who had never been up 2-0 in four previous ALCS trips.

Miller has been the difference so far, blowing through the Blue Jays. Before getting a groundout in the eighth, he struck out seven straight over two games.

"There's a reason we gave up what we did for him," said Francona, referring to the four top prospects the Indians sent to the Yankees in July. "We thought that he could be a guy that we could leverage in situations like we have. And it would make our bullpen that much better and give us a chance to keep playing. And that's exactly what he's doing."

After bludgeoning Texas in the ALDS by hitting eight homers and scoring 22 runs, Toronto has one run and 10 hits - eight singles and a pair of doubles—in two games against the Indians, dropping to 0-2 in the ALCS for the second straight year.

Bautista is 0 for 6 in the series with five strikeouts and in a 0-for-14 postseason tailspin. The only bat flipping Joey Bats has done is back into the rack.

"We didn't get destroyed or anything in these two games, but we've got our work cut out for us," Jays catcher Russell Martin said. "History shows we can hit the ball. We're going to have the opportunity to do that at home."

The series heads north to Toronto's raucous Rogers Centre for Game 3 on Monday, with Cleveland's Trevor Bauer slated to face Marcus Stroman.

Tomlin originally was scheduled to pitch Game 3, but he was pushed up after Bauer cut his right pinkie while repairing one of the drones he enjoys flying as a hobby. The 31-year-old Tomlin pitched himself out of the rotation by going 0-5 with a 11.48 ERA in August, but injuries to Carlos Carrasco and Danny Salazar gave him another chance and he's made the most of it.

Tomlin relied on his curveball to keep the Blue Jays guessing.

"I needed to establish I could throw it for a strike early on, and then it was a pretty good pitch," he said.

Miller's slider buckled the Blue Jays and delighted his teammates.

"I don't even know how to say it," Indians second baseman Jason Kipnis said. "It's fun to watch. I've faced that before, which is not fun to watch."

Rivers leads Chargers to 21-13 victory against Broncos

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Music blared louder than normal in the San Diego Chargers' locker room, and there was a sense of relief Thursday night after a victory over the Denver Broncos.

The Chargers had actually finished.

Philip Rivers threw for 178 yards and one touchdown, passing Hall of Famer Dan Fouts to become San Diego's career passing leader, and the Chargers held off the Broncos 21-13.

The victory may have saved embattled coach Mike McCoy's job .

The Chargers (2-4) were coming off a mistake-filled loss at Oakland, and earlier in the season lost three games in which they led at the 2-minute warning. There has been increasing fan discontent with the conservative McCoy, and the Chargers are trying to convince voters to approve a $1.1 billion public handout for a new downtown stadium in the form of an increase in the hotel occupancy tax.

"There is nothing like winning," a misty-eyed McCoy said. "Especially beating a good football team in front of are home fans. It was great."

The victory "meant a ton for Mike," Rivers said. "It wasn't talked about a lot on the team but veteran players ... I felt it. Not that I expected it if it didn't go well. I had no idea but you also you are not playing dumb. We knew we had to get this thing going in a hurry."

The Broncos had the ball in the final seconds, but the Chargers - who had two turnovers on special teams -held.

"You can't take winning for granted in this league," defensive end Corey Liuget said. "When I saw it said 0:00 and that guy didn't catch that ball, I was happy as hell. I got on my damn knee and said, 'Thank you Lord. It's over now.'"

What changed from those brutal losses, when the Chargers blew late leads?

"It was a mindset for us to go out there and finish, and everyone knew we were going to finish this game," Liuget said.

The defending Super Bowl champion Broncos were coached by special teams coordinator Joe DeCamillis after Gary Kubiak was ordered by doctors to sit this one out because of a migraine condition that mimics strokes.

"You have to give them credit," DeCamillis said. "We know it would be a tough game because they have played a lot of close games and not won."

The five-time defending AFC West champion Broncos (4-2) were mostly sluggish behind Trevor Siemian, who was back at quarterback after rookie Paxton Lynch struggled in a loss to Atlanta. They lost their second straight game and had their NFL-record 15 straight divisional road victories snapped.

The Chargers snapped their streak of 10 straight divisional losses dating to 2014.

Rivers, in his 13th season with the Chargers and 11th as starter, has 43,094 career yards passing. Fouts threw for 43,040 yards in 15 seasons with the Bolts.

Rivers threw a 5-yard scoring pass to rookie tight end Hunter Henry to cap the game's first possession. Rivers finished 18 of 29.

Otherwise, the Chargers had to settle for Lambo's career-high four field goals, of 37, 21, 31 and 32 yards.

LATE-FIRING BRONCOS: Denver didn't get across the 50 on its own accord until there were just 2 minutes left in the third quarter. Denver's first score came after a punt bounced off San Diego's Travis Benjamin and the Broncos recovered at the San Diego 11. The refs initially ruled that the Broncos downed the punt, but Denver challenged and got the ball. Brandon McManus kicked a 29-yard field goal.

Siemian was 30 of 50 for 230 yards, with a 5-yard scoring pass to Bennie Fowler midway through the fourth quarter.

McManus kicked a 46-yard field goal with 27 seconds left, and Denver recovered the onside kick at its 46. It got to the San Diego 45 with eight seconds to go before Siemian's desperation pass was batted down by Dexter McCoil.

DEFENSIVE STAND: The Broncos were threatening at the San Diego 20 with less than 5 minutes to go. But on consecutive plays they were whistled for holding, Siemian was sacked by rookie Jatavis Brown and San Diego's Craig Mager recovered a fumble by Demaryius Thomas.

RIVERBOAT MIKE: McCoy went for it on fourth-and-1 from the Denver 20 early in the second half, with Melvin Gordon going over the top for a 1-yard gain. Rivers misfired on two straight passes and was flushed on third down, forcing the Chargers to settle for Lambo's 37-yard field goal for a 10-0 lead. McCoy improved to 25-31 overall in four seasons.

NEW HOLDER: Veteran backup quarterback Kellen Clemens took over as holder for the Chargers after rookie Drew Kaser's misadventure at Oakland on Sunday. Kaser mishandled the snap on a potential tying field goal with 2:07 left in the 34-31 loss. Kaser, who also shanked a punt, kept his job as punter but lost his job as holder.

ANTHEM WATCH: Chargers players Joe Barksdale, D.J. Fluker, Chris Hairston, Joshua Perry and Tyreek Burwell held up their right fists during the national anthem.

INJURIES: The Broncos said T Russell Okung was taken to a hospital with concussion-like symptoms. ... Chargers rookie DE Joey Bosa was having his right hand worked on by the trainers after Denver's first drive. He was back in for the next Broncos possession. ... Broncos WR Cody Latimer left with a concussion in the second quarter. ... Gordon limped off the field early in the fourth quarter. He had his right ankle taped and returned on San Diego's next possession.

AP

Denver Broncos running back Devontae Booker, bottom, is brought down by San Diego Chargers cornerback Craig Mager, above, and free safety Dwight Lowery during the second half of an NFL football game Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016, in San Diego.

Brotherly Love; Pounceys ready for unique chapter in rivalry

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Mike Pouncey beat Maurkice Pouncey into the world by a full 60 seconds in the summer of 1989, his first victory in a sibling rivalry that will reach a unique milestone on Sunday when the Miami Dolphins host the Pittsburgh Steelers.

For the first time in their lives, the Pounceys will be in uniform in the same stadium, just not on the same sideline. When Mike runs out of the tunnel as the starting center for the Dolphins, he'll see his twin brother in Maurkice's familiar No. 53 in Pittsburgh's black-and-gold across the way.

It's a moment they always believed would come. That confidence, however, won't make it any less weird.

"We're best friends, but I haven't given him any insight, though," Maurkice said. "He's got to go watch film like our guys got to go watch film."

What they'll see are two physical marvels who in many ways are mirror images in more ways than one. Technically Mike is an inch taller (6-foot-5 to Maurkice's 6-4) while Maurkice's listed weight of 304 pounds gives him 5 pounds on Mike. In essence, though, their identicalness stretches beyond DNA.

"We're the same," Maurkice said.

It's been that way since they were infants and their mother Lisa kept their hospital bracelets on until she figured out how to tell them apart. They began playing together when they were 6, got their first of many tattoos at 13, and worked side by side—Maurkice at center, Mike at guard - while helping Florida to a BCS title.

Then their paths diverged. Maurkice left a year early for the NFL, and the Steelers made him the 31st pick in the 2010 draft. The transition wasn't easy, particularly for Mike.

"It was the first time we were ever separated," Mike said. "I probably took it a lot harder than he did because he was making money. I was still in college."

Though not for long. The Dolphins grabbed Mike with the 15th overall pick in the 2011 draft—16 spots ahead of where the Steelers picked his brother—something Maurkice says Mike "still won't let go."

"It's competition so much, with the Pro Bowls, with everything we do," Maurkice said.

Technically Maurkice is ahead on that list, getting four invites to the NFL's annual All-Star game to three for his brother. It's a number that might be higher if not for a shredded knee that cost Maurkice all but eight snaps of the 2013 season, and a bum ankle that kept him out for all of 2015. The ability to stay healthy may be the one thing Maurkice envies about Mike, who missed Miami's first four games this fall with a fractured hip, but has avoided catastrophe.

"I tell him all the time he's the luckiest dude," Maurkice said with a laugh. "This guy had a fractured hip and walks around like nothing happened to him. I sit on my couch with my foot in the air for five, six months."

The two are nearly inseparable during the offseason, hopping between Miami and Pittsburgh for workouts while making the rest of the guys do a double take.

"All the guys get him confused," Mike said. "When he comes in, they think he's me when I'm not around. And the same when I go up there. Their team is very welcoming of me, coming into their facilities, working out and everything."

Though the urge to play together remains very real, the business of the NFL (and common sense) has kept them apart during the season. Both are the linchpins of their respective offensive lines. When Maurkice signed a lengthy extension with the Steelers in 2014, he lobbied the Pittsburgh front office to make a run at Mike the following spring.

Then the Dolphins offered Mike a lucrative extension of his own and, well, the family reunion would have to wait.

"Somebody comes to you and says, 'I'm going to give you $52 million, you going to go to the Steelers (instead)?," Maurkice said with a laugh. "He jumped on it as quick as anybody."

They remain in constant communication during the season, offering support and advice, though rarely congratulations.

"He never calls me and tells me he had a great block," Maurkice said. "He tells me 'You missed that guy on that play. I'm like, 'You're depressing."

Maurkice can take solace in this: his team is currently 4-1 and looks like a legitimate threat to head back to the Super Bowl for the first time since 2010. The Dolphins are 1-4 and seem to be headed for an eighth straight non-winning season.

On Sunday, they'll share a bro hug during warmups and perhaps scan the stands for the 80 or so friends and family coming in for the game, and maybe offer a "thanks" for pushing each other to remarkable heights.

"He's been a real help for my career, how it's gone," Mike said. "And I'm sure he'd say the same for me."

Governor's TOC donates $50K to CARE

The Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts on Friday received a $50,000 donation from proceeds raised through the Governor's Tournament of Champions.

According to TOC chair Ben Babauta for over 15 years the tournament's primary object was to raise funds to support beautification projects within the Commonwealth to support the tourism industry and provide much needed revenue to support the economy.

DFS Saipan president Marian Aldan-Pierce expressed that CARE and long-term recovery efforts support the humanitarian needs of the Commonwealth as well as beautification and rebuilding of the community over a year after Typhoon Soudelor.

"Since 1996, the focus had been on beautification to promote our visitors industry by enhancing our destination landscaping for the Paseo de Marianas, Port to Pathway, and Garapan Street Revitalization Project–Coral Tree Avenue, and Mt. Tapochau. With revenues made available to the Marianas Visitors Authority through the hotel occupancy tax, the TOC board decided to focus on our partnership with CARE. At the same we have decided to move TOC from August to May to address the inclement weather often experienced during the rainy season," she said.

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is joined by Governor's Tournament of Champions chair Ben Babauta, DFS Saipan president Marian Aldan-Pierce, and Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts director Jenny Hegland during the turn over of $50,000 from proceeds raised through the Governor's Tournament of Champions to CARE last Friday at the Governor's Office.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres reiterated that focusing on rebuilding our community is vital to our community and economy.

"Funds donated to CARE address a much needed cause. We are grateful to all the donors and volunteers who remember the 341 families who need the assistance to help repair and rebuild their homes. I thank the TOC for their hard work and commitment to improving our community in every way possible," Torres said.

CARE director Jenny Hegland stated that the proceeds represent the financial support necessary for long-term recovery.

"In the Commonwealth, we care about all our families and $50,000 is a significant contribution. Rebuilding and repairing is costly and right now we provide $3,000 to each family for home rebuilding. In one month, we have been able to complete 11 major projects with our volunteers… We are taking beautification as rebuilding safe and sanitary homes for families…" she said.

The $50,000 donation will go towards supporting the necessities of members from the Mennonite and World Renew religious groups, who are currently repairing the damaged homes. ***(PR)***

Source: J.R. Smith, Cavaliers agree to terms on contract

CLEVELAND (AP)—A person with direct knowledge of the negotiations says free agent guard J.R. Smith has agreed to a contract offer to return to the defending NBA champion Cavaliers.

Smith has been waiting out of training camp with the Cavs but now has a deal in place, said the person who spoke to The Associated Press on Friday night on condition of anonymity because the package has not been finalized.

ESPN.com reported Smith will sign a four-year, $57 million deal.

The 31-year-old Smith was a major contributor last season when the Cavs rallied in the finals to beat Golden State. He averaged 12.4 points and shot 40 percent on 3-pointers in 77 games.

Smith made two huge 3-pointers early in the second half as the Cavs completed an historic comeback after being down 3-1 in the series.

AP

In this May 25, 2016, file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers guard-forward J.R. Smith dunks against the Toronto Raptors during the first half of Game 5 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals, in Cleveland.

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Gymnasium is still damaged and it is unlikely to get the fix it needs this year or early next. The only air-conditioned gym on Saipan sustained significant damage from Typhoon Soudelor in August last year. Without a venue for its basketball and volleyball games, MISO shelved the rest of its programs for the 2015-2016 season.

"We will try to utilize the gym in Koblerville for our volleyball games, which we plan to start after the Christmas break," Gross said.

The former MISO head also explained they have limited options as far as finding venues for their games is concerned because of safety and transportation issues.

"We have courts in the villages, but we have to consider if they are safe to use for our students. Also, we have to consider transporting students to these venues. For example, we have the court in San Antonio and Kagman is playing against Saipan Southern High School, so the gas expenses will be considerably high for the Ayuyus—that's additional $100 for weeks.

As for seeking NMSA members' help, Gross said they need the expertise of the federations to make sure they are running the tournament, according to each sport's rules. In the past, the students themselves worked as volunteers in MISO leagues. On a couple of occasions, officials from NMSA-member federations, like the outrigger canoe group, helped MISO run races.

"Maybe we can work out a MoU with NMSA and the involved federation. We are open to a dialogue as we really need to keep this interscholastic competition going and make sure we're doing in the right way," said Gross, who will also consult with interscholastic league officials in Guam to improve their program.

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single digits, 49-58. Viray had 12 points in the second and third periods and continued to pile up points in the fourth in his attempt to bring Maplas back into the game.

However, Save More after being held to 28 points in the second and third cantos, countered Maplas' baskets in the final frame to keep the lead and the win.

Sid Quan stepped up for Save More in the payoff period after Mangali slowed down and was limited to a pair of free throws and one field goal. Quan scored 10 of his 20 points in the fourth period where Save More knocked in 6 points from the foul line to secure the victory. Quan had the last two charities, while Marlon made four.

In the first game, Ali'i Blue Haus/Bayani took the early lead in the nine-team field after downing PC Bargain/Visminda, 86-64.

Ali'i Blue Haus now has a 2-0 record, while PC Bargain absorbed its second loss in as many games.

The league-leading team fired 20-plus points in the first three quarters to set up the easy win. Tony Diaz recorded 8 points in the first quarter for Ali'i Blue Haus' 21-14 advantage, while Elmer Esdrelon took over the team's offense in the second, making 9 points and stretching their lead to 46-37 at the break.

At the resumption of the match, Esdrelon, Diaz, and Junar Guiab teamed up for 15 of their 23 points in the third period to lift Ali'i Blue Haus to a 69-51 advantage. PC Bargain never made headway in the fourth to remain at the bottom of the team standings.

Esdrelon and Diaz paced Ali'i Blue Haus, logging 14 points each, while Guiab and Manolo Manalo also finished in double figures with 13 and 10, respectively. James VIllacrusis had 30 markers for PC Bargain, nailing all, but two of his squad's field goals in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, 8th Division/MAFEA (0-1) and Cavite (1-0) played in the first game last Saturday, while Save More dueled Stephen's Pawnshop (0-1) in the second and results of these matches will be reported in *Saipan Tribune*'s Tuesday edition.

First Game

Ali'i Blue Haus 86 — Esdrelon 14, T. Diaz 14, Guiab 13, Manalo 10, Demapan 8, Barbo 8, Devero 7, Santos 4, Mendoza 2, Moises 2, Pagarao 2.

PC Bargain 64 — Ja. Villacrusis 30, Manibusan 12, Reyes 11, Jo. Villacrusis 7, Alano 2, Legaspi 1, Cabugawan 1.

Scoring by quarters: 21-17, 46-37, 69-51, 86-64.

Second Game

Save More 88 — Mangali 21, Quan 20, Lilles 11, Sison 9, Mortos 7, Sanciangco 6, Guiang 5, Backe 5.

Maplas 79 — Viray 32, Sanguyo 14, Fernando 11, Yalung 4, Galulu 4, Sedillo 4, Usi 4, Cortez 3.

Scoring by quarters: 32-17, 44-29, 58-49, 88-79.

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her ranking points a bit in the doubles (5 more) for the combined ranking points of 118.75 (105 in singles). She had 117.50 points after the tournament in Auckland and was ranked No. 499 before she participated in the two off-island competitions.

Despite her rise in the world ranking, Lee said she still has a long ways to go to achieve her goal.

"Even though I moved up 464, it is not enough for me. I want to be at about Top 200. So I'm not feeling too good or too bad about it for now," Lee said.

To move closer to her goal, the reigning NMSA Female Student Athlete of the Year said she will continue training and look for a few more tournaments before the year ends.

"I will be training in Fiji for about a month and then come back on Saipan for two weeks before I leave again for the Philippines next month for another ITF Juniors event," Lee said.

The CNMI junior players was ranked as high as No. 443 in July this year after her semis and finals appearances in tournaments in Fiji and New Caledonia.

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NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	1	0	.800	114	74
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	117	87
N.Y. Jets	1	4	0	.200	92	136
Miami	1	4	0	.200	88	119
South						
Houston	3	2	0	.600	82	104
Tennessee	2	3	0	.400	92	101
Indianapolis	2	3	0	.400	137	148
Jacksonville	1	3	0	.250	84	111
North						
Pittsburgh	4	1	0	.800	139	93
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	94	88
Cincinnati	2	3	0	.400	92	110
Cleveland	0	5	0	.000	87	148
West						
Oakland	4	1	0	.800	142	137
Denver	4	2	0	.667	140	108
Kansas City	2	2	0	.500	83	92
San Diego	2	4	0	.333	173	155

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	4	1	0	.800	129	91
Philadelphia	3	1	0	.750	115	51
Washington	3	2	0	.600	115	122
N.Y. Giants	2	3	0	.400	89	108
South						
Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	175	140
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	.400	94	142
New Orleans	1	3	0	.250	114	130
Carolina	1	4	0	.200	123	135
North						
Minnesota	5	0	0	1.000	119	63
Green Bay	3	1	0	.750	98	83
Detroit	2	3	0	.400	119	125
Chicago	1	4	0	.200	85	126
West						
Seattle	3	1	0	.750	79	54
Los Angeles	3	2	0	.600	82	106
Arizona	2	3	0	.400	125	101
San Francisco	1	4	0	.200	111	140

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2016 UFO/IT&E Inter-Organizational Basketball League

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Philippine honorary consul Glicerio "Eli" Arago does the ceremonial toss during the opening game between 8th Division/MAFEA and Ali'i Blue Haus/Bayani, while league officials look on last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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League commissioner Ed Manalili, second left, and UFO president Bong Malasarte, third left, are joined in the photo by referees Richard Babac, left, Arnold Mesa, right.

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United Filipino Organization president Bong Malasarte, third left, acknowledges the contribution of Abner Venus to the UFO caging after the presentation of a plaque of recognition to the latter, who was represented by his son Mark, fourth left.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Ali'i Blue Haus/Bayani's Tony Diaz escapes with a fastbreak layup.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

8th Division/MAFEA's Alex Lauron, second left, tries to look for a teammate to pass the ball to as Ali'i Blue Haus/Bayani's Junar Guiab, left, and Ed Diaz, third left, are closing on him.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

8th Division/MAFEA's Kelvin Fitial, left, and Ali'i Blue Haus/Bayani' Manolo Manalo, second left, battle for the rebound.

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Ali'i Blue Haus/Bayani's Darwin Barbo goes up for a left-handed layup.

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Rob Harrell, fourth left, of league sponsor IT&E is joined by game referees and officials for a group photo.

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Carol climbs up anew in rankings

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Carol Lee is seen here competing in the CNMI-hosted ITF Juniors ranking event in May this year. She just completed two tournaments in New Zealand and is now ranked No. 464 in the world.

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Carol Lee moved sixth notches higher in the ITF Juniors world ranking as results of her games in the ITF Waikato-Bays Under 18s Championships in New Zealand were counted last week.

From No. 470 after her stint in the Auckland ITF Indoor Championships 2016, the 14-year-old Lee is now at No. 464 as she made it to the quarterfinals of the singles and semis of the doubles event in the ITF Waikato-Bays competition held in East Hamilton held from Oct. 3 to 8.

Lee was awarded 10 points for advancing to the Round of 8 in the singles event of the Grade 5 tournament and gained additional 10 as she and Palau's Ayana Rengiil barged into the Final Four of the same contest. The Commonwealth bet defeated Australia's Natala Ilic, 6-1, 6-4, and New Zealand's Cayla Mc Inroy, 6-0, 6-1, before bowing to Australia's Ivan Popovic, 5-7, 2-6, in the singles quarterfinals. In the doubles, Lee and Rengiil defeated Japan's Asuka Kata and Australia's Gabriella Ioannou, 7-6 (5), 1-6, 10-8 Japan's Sophie Hamada and New Zealand's Sophie Michl, 6-0, 6-1, to march in the semis. The Pacific Oceania pair went on to drop its semis match over Chiara Di Tommaso and Ivana Popovic, 2-6, 1-6.

With the results of her tournaments in New Zealand all in, Lee now holds a career singles record of 27-15 and 13-14 in doubles. For this season, she has a 19-8 slate in singles and 9-7 in doubles. She then improved

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Save More wins debut in UFO caging

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Save More/MIFICPA barged into the win column in its first try after dominating Maplas/Akap Pinoy, 88-79, during the second game in the 2016 UFO/IT&E Inter-Organizational Basketball League last Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Save More got off to a jackrabbit start to build enough cushion and negate Maplas/Akap Pinoy's comeback bids in the last three quarters. Save More exploded for 32 points to establish an early double-digit lead. Elgene Mangali led Save More's strong start, as he scored 9 points in the first period, while his teammates provided enough support for their 32-17 advantage.

Maplas, behind Ken Viray, then outgunned Save More in the next two frames, to bring the deficit down to

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Save More/MIFICPA's Andy Mortos, center, could not handle a strong pass from his teammate, while Maplas/Angat Pinoy's Mico Usi, left, sticks close to him on defense during the second quarter of their game in the UFO caging last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Interscholastic caging returns next month

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A basketball tournament similar to the one Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization used to have will start next month, according to former MISO official Nick Gross.

Gross announced the good news at the Northern Marianas Sports Association meeting last Thursday at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium as he also sought the help of NMSA-member federations to assist them in running future tournaments for middle and high school students from both public and private schools.

"We will have the basketball season starting in November and it will run for about six weeks. This is the best we could come up for now after meeting with all the stakeholders," Gross said.

Gross added that they are planning to have the middle school games from Monday to Thursday and the high school matches on weekends.

"Hopefully we can finish everything by December or before the Ada Gym undergoes renovation," the Marianas High School teacher said.

The boys and girls interscholastic caging will be played at the Ada Gym as the MHS

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JON PEREZ
Kagman High School's Joelin Mettao, left, tries to get past the defense of Saipan Southern High School's Florencia Manibusan during their game in the 2014-2015 MISO caging at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.